

**POLICE NOTIFICATION –  
FAMILY VIOLENCE DEFENDANT FAILURE  
TO APPEAR AT INITIAL HEARING DATE**

JD-FM-277 New 7-19  
C.G.S. § 54-63c

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
JUDICIAL BRANCH  
**COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION  
FAMILY SERVICES**



To:

Police Case Number

Docket Number

Name of Defendant

Date of non-appearance

**Non-appearance at initial hearing date of certain family violence cases**

**The defendant named above failed to appear at the initial hearing date for this arrest.** The non-financial conditions of release that your agency imposed on the *Conditions of Release - Family Violence* (form JD-CR-146) remain in effect until the defendant appears in court for this arrest. When initially imposing these conditions, your agency most likely also entered a corresponding Order of Protection - FL20 within COLLECT/NCIC, which was set to expire on the initial hearing date. Because the defendant did not appear at the initial hearing date, and the conditions of release remain in effect until the defendant does appear, **your agency should consider modifying the expiration date on any corresponding FL20 until the defendant appears in court.**

Please note that, on this non-appearance date, the defendant may also have been issued a:

- 1) Failure to Appear (FTA)** rearrest warrant. Your agency may obtain information on any FTA rearrest warrant on the Judicial Branch website through the Criminal Case Look-up: <https://www.jud.ct.gov/crim.htm>. Information on any FTA rearrest warrant is also accessible through PRAWN, and your agency may track FTA rearrest warrants served by other agencies through the Monitor section within PRAWN. There are two relevant reports: Warrants Served and Warrants Vacated. For additional questions on PRAWN, contact: [justice.support@jud.ct.gov](mailto:justice.support@jud.ct.gov).
- 2) Bail Commissioner's Letter (BCL)** ordering the defendant to appear in court on a different date. Information on BCLs is also available through the Criminal Case Look-up: <https://www.jud.ct.gov/crim.htm>. Cases with a BCL will show a future appearance date, but the BCL indicates that the defendant did not appear for the initial hearing date. Future appearance date \_\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions or would like further information on this case, please contact the local Clerk's Office.