3-10/010.00 - Misdemeanor Arraignment

The defendant(s) is brought before a magistrate to be informed of their constitutional rights and be advised of the charges filed against them by the court. Defendants may be in custody or may have bailed out and walked in. In either case the bailiff must be aware of the charges for a particular defendant. The arraignment, being the initial appearance of the defendant on a misdemeanor charge, can be just as dangerous as a felony arraignment in a courtroom. The bailiff should notify his/her branch supervisor of a specific case that may require additional security.