

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

R U L E S    O R D E R

This Court, on November 6, 2013, having adopted new Rule 4-216.1 and amendments to Rules 4-102, 4-202, 4-212, 4-213, 4-214, 4-215, 4-216, 4-216.1, 4-217, 4-231, 4-301, 4-349, 5-101, and 15-303 submitted by this Court's Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure in its One Hundred Eighty-First Report, those changes being intended to implement this Court's decision in *DeWolfe v. Richmond*, 434 Md. 444 (2013), to take effect upon further Order of the Court; and

This Court, on November 21, 2013, having adopted and made effective January 1, 2014, amendments to Rules 4-102, 4-202, 4-213, 4-215, and 4-301 as proposed in a Supplement to the One Hundred Seventy-Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, those changes dealing with matters other than the decision in *DeWolfe v. Richmond*; and

The Court's Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure having submitted its One Hundred Eighty-Third Report to the Court recommending adoption, on an emergency basis, of new Rules 4-213.1 and 4-216.2 and amendments to Rules 4-202, 4-212, 4-213, 4-214, 4-215, 4-216, 4-216.1, 4-217, 4-231, 4-349, 5-101, and 15-303, those changes being intended to further implement this Court's decision in *DeWolfe v. Richmond*, in light of certain

legislation enacted in the 2014 session of the General Assembly,  
and

This Court having considered at an open meeting, notice of which was posted as prescribed by law, all of the proposed Rules changes submitted in the One Hundred Eighty-Third Report, and finding that an emergency does in fact exist with reference to those proposed changes, it is this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014,

ORDERED by the Court of Appeals of Maryland that new Rules 4-213.1 and 4-216.2 and amendments to Rules 4-202, 4-212, 4-213, 4-214, 4-215, 4-216, 4-216.1, 4-217, 4-231, 4-349, 5-101, and 15-303 be, and they are hereby adopted in the form attached to this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the rules changes hereby adopted by this Court shall govern the courts of this State and all parties and their attorneys in all actions and proceedings, and shall take effect and apply to all actions and proceedings commenced on or after July 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m., and insofar as practicable to all actions and proceedings then pending; and it is further

ORDERED, that, except to the extent adopted and made effective by this Court in this Rules Order or in the Rules Order filed on November 21, 2013, the Rules changes adopted in the Rules Order filed on November 6, 2013 in connection with the One Hundred Eighty-First Report and which have not taken effect be and they are hereby rescinded.

ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published in the next issue of the *Maryland Register*.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

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/s/ Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.

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Clerk  
Court of Appeals of Maryland

MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TITLE 4 - CRIMINAL CAUSES  
CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

AMEND Rule 4-213, as follows:

Rule 4-213. INITIAL APPEARANCE OF DEFENDANT

(a) In District Court Following Arrest

When a defendant appears before a judicial officer of the District Court pursuant to an arrest, the judicial officer shall proceed as follows:

(1) Appointment, Appearance, or Waiver of Attorney for Initial Appearance

If the defendant appears without an attorney, the judicial officer shall first follow the procedure set forth in Rule 4-213.1 to assure that the defendant either is represented by an attorney or has knowingly and voluntarily waived the right to an attorney.

~~(1)~~ (2) Advice of Charges

The judicial officer shall inform the defendant of each offense with which the defendant is charged and of the allowable penalties, including mandatory penalties, if any, and shall provide the defendant with a copy of the charging document if the defendant does not already have one and one is then available. If one is not then available, the defendant shall be furnished with a copy as soon as possible.

~~(2)~~ (3) Advice of Right to Counsel

The judicial officer shall require the defendant to read the notice to defendant required to be printed on charging documents in accordance with Rule 4-202 (a), or shall read the notice to a defendant who is unable for any reason to do so. A copy of the notice shall be furnished to a defendant who has not received a copy of the charging document. The judicial officer shall advise the defendant that if the defendant appears for trial without counsel, the court could determine that the defendant waived counsel and proceed to trial with the defendant unrepresented by counsel.

Cross reference: See Rule ~~4-216 (e)~~ 4-213.1 with respect to ~~counsel~~ the right to an attorney at an initial appearance before a ~~judge~~ judicial officer and Rule 4-216.1 ~~(a)~~ (b) with respect to ~~counsel~~ the right to an attorney at a hearing to review a pretrial release decision of a commissioner.

~~(3)~~ (4) Advice of Preliminary Hearing

When a defendant has been charged with a felony that is not within the jurisdiction of the District Court and has not been indicted, the judicial officer shall advise the defendant of the right to have a preliminary hearing by a request made then or within ten days thereafter and that failure to make a timely request will result in the waiver of a preliminary hearing. If the defendant then requests a preliminary hearing, the judicial officer may either set its date and time or notify the defendant that the clerk will do so.

~~(4)~~ (5) Pretrial Release

The judicial officer shall comply with the applicable

provisions of Rules 4-216 and 4-216.1 governing pretrial release.

~~(5)~~ (6) Certification by Judicial Officer

The judicial officer shall certify compliance with this section in writing.

~~(6)~~ (7) Transfer of Papers by Clerk

As soon as practicable after the initial appearance by the defendant, the judicial officer shall file all papers with the clerk of the District Court or shall direct that they be forwarded to the clerk of the circuit court if the charging document is filed there.

Cross reference: Code, Courts Article, §10-912. See Rule 4-231 (d) concerning the appearance of a defendant by video conferencing.

(b) In District Court

(1) Following Summons or Citation

When a defendant appears before the District Court pursuant to a summons or citation, the court shall proceed in accordance with Rule 4-301.

(2) Preliminary Inquiry

When a defendant has (A) been charged by a citation or served with a summons and charging document for an offense that carries a penalty of incarceration and (B) has not previously been advised by a judicial officer of the defendant's rights, the defendant may be brought before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry advisement if no attorney has entered an appearance on behalf of the defendant. The judicial officer shall inform the defendant of each offense with which the

defendant is charged and advise the defendant of the right to counsel and the matters set forth in subsection ~~(a) (1), (2), and (3)~~ (a) (2), (3), and (4) of this Rule. The judicial officer shall certify in writing the judicial officer's compliance with this subsection.

(c) In Circuit Court Following Arrest or Summons

The initial appearance of the defendant in circuit court occurs when the defendant (1) is brought before the court by reason of execution of a warrant pursuant to Rule 4-212 (e) or (f) (2), or (2) appears in person or by written notice of counsel in response to a summons. In either case, if the defendant appears without counsel the court shall proceed in accordance with Rule 4-215. If the appearance is by reason of execution of a warrant, the court shall (1) inform the defendant of each offense with which the defendant is charged, (2) ensure that the defendant has a copy of the charging document, and (3) determine eligibility for pretrial release pursuant to Rule 4-216.

Source: This Rule is derived as follows:

Section (a) is derived from former M.D.R. 723.

Section (b) is new.

Section (c) is derived from former Rule 723 a.

MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TITLE 4 - CRIMINAL CAUSES  
CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

ADD new Rule 4-213.1, as follows:

Rule 4-213.1 APPOINTMENT, APPEARANCE, OR WAIVER OF ATTORNEY AT  
INITIAL APPEARANCE

(a) Right to Representation by Attorney

(1) Generally

A defendant has the right to be represented by an attorney at an initial appearance before a judicial officer.

(2) Attorney

Unless the defendant waives that right in accordance with section (e) of this Rule or another attorney has entered an appearance, if the defendant is indigent within the meaning of Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §16-210 (b) and (c):

(A) the defendant shall be represented by the Public Defender if the initial appearance is before a judge; and

(B) the defendant shall be represented by an attorney appointed by the court in accordance with section (b) of this Rule if the initial appearance is before a District Court commissioner, unless the Public Defender enters an appearance for the defendant.

(b) Appointment of Attorneys for Initial Appearance Before Commissioner

(1) Appointment

After consultation with the State and local bar associations and the Public Defender, the District Administrative Judges shall develop lists of attorneys willing to accept appointment to represent indigent defendants at initial appearances before District Court commissioners in the district on a pro bono basis or at fees equivalent to those paid by the Public Defender to panel attorneys. Attorneys shall be appointed from the lists as needed for specific proceedings or to be available for blocks of time.

(2) Processing of Invoices

Invoices for fees due to court-appointed attorneys shall be processed in accordance with procedures adopted by the State Court Administrator.

(c) General Advice by Judicial Officer

If the defendant appears at an initial appearance without an attorney, the judicial officer shall advise the defendant that the defendant has a right to an attorney at the initial appearance and that, if the defendant is indigent, (1) the Public Defender will provide representation if the proceeding is before a judge, or (2) a court-appointed attorney will provide representation if the proceeding is before a commissioner.

(d) Proceeding Before Commissioner

(1) Determination of Indigence

(A) If the defendant claims indigence and desires a court-appointed attorney for the proceeding, the defendant shall

complete a request and affidavit substantially in the form used by the Public Defender and, from those documents and in accordance with the criteria set forth in Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §16-210 (b) and (c), the commissioner shall determine whether the defendant qualifies for an appointed attorney.

(B) If the commissioner determines that the defendant is indigent, the commissioner shall provide a reasonable opportunity for the defendant and a court-appointed attorney to consult in confidence.

(C) If the commissioner determines that the defendant is not indigent, the commissioner shall advise the defendant of the right to a privately retained attorney and provide a reasonable opportunity for the defendant to obtain the services of, and consult in confidence with, a private attorney.

(2) Inability of Attorney to Appear Promptly

The commissioner shall further advise the defendant that, unless the attorney, whether court appointed or privately retained, is able to participate, either in person or by electronic means or telecommunication, within a reasonable period of time, the initial appearance may need to be continued, in which event, subject to subsection (d)(3) of this Rule, the defendant will be temporarily committed until the earliest opportunity that the defendant can be presented to the next available judicial officer with an attorney present.

(3) If Initial Appearance Continued

If pursuant to subsection (d) (2) of this Rule, the initial appearance needs to be continued, the commissioner, before recessing the proceeding, shall proceed in accordance with this subsection.

(A) Arrest Without Warrant - Determination of Probable Cause

If the defendant was arrested without a warrant, the commissioner shall determine whether there was probable cause for the charges and the arrest pursuant to Rule 4-216 (a). If the commissioner finds no probable cause for the charges or for the arrest, the commissioner shall release the defendant on personal recognizance, with no other conditions of release. If the defendant is released pursuant to subsection (d) (3) (A) of this Rule, the Commissioner shall not make the determination otherwise required by subsection (d) (3) (B) of this Rule, but shall provide the advice required by subsection (d) (3) (C) of this Rule.

(B) Preliminary Determination Regarding Release on Personal Recognizance

Regardless of whether the defendant was arrested with or without a warrant, the commissioner shall make a preliminary determination regarding the commissioner's authority to release the defendant on personal recognizance and the appropriateness of such a release pursuant to Rule 4-216. If the commissioner's preliminary determination is that release on personal recognizance with no other conditions of release is authorized and appropriate, the commissioner shall release the defendant on

that basis.

(C) Required Compliance Before Release of Defendant

Before releasing the defendant pursuant to subsection (d) (3) (A) or (B) of this Rule, the commissioner shall comply with the applicable provisions of Rules 4-213 and 4-216 (h).

(D) Preliminary Determination Not to Release

Upon a preliminary determination by the commissioner not to release the defendant on personal recognizance, the commissioner shall comply with the applicable provisions of Rule 4-216 (g) and (h) and recess the proceeding. The commissioner's preliminary determination is without prejudice to the right of the defendant to seek release on personal recognizance when the proceeding resumes with the attorney present. If the proceeding resumes before the commissioner who made the preliminary determination not to release the defendant on personal recognizance, the commissioner, upon request of the defendant, shall recuse, and the proceeding shall be before another judicial officer.

(e) Waiver - Initial Appearance Before Judge or Commissioner

(1) If the defendant indicates a desire to waive the right to an attorney, the judicial officer shall advise the defendant (A) that an attorney can be helpful in explaining the procedure and in advocating that the defendant should be released immediately on recognizance or on bail with minimal conditions, (B) that it may be possible for the attorney to participate electronically or by telecommunication, and (C) that any waiver would be effective

only for the initial appearance and not for any subsequent proceedings.

(2) If, upon this advice, the defendant still wishes to waive the right to an attorney and the judicial officer finds that the waiver is knowing and voluntary, the judicial officer shall announce and record that finding.

(3) A waiver pursuant to section (e) of this Rule is effective only for the initial appearance and not for any subsequent proceeding.

(4) Notwithstanding an initial decision not to waive the right to an attorney, a defendant may waive that right at any time during the proceeding, provided that no attorney has already entered an appearance.

(f) Participation by Attorney by Electronic or Telecommunication Means

(1) By State's Attorney

The State's Attorney may participate in the proceeding, but is not required to do so. When the physical presence of the State's Attorney is impracticable, the State's Attorney may participate electronically or by telecommunication if the equipment at the judicial officer's location and the State's Attorney's location provides adequate opportunity for the State's Attorney to participate meaningfully in the proceeding.

(2) By Defense Attorney

When the physical presence of a defense attorney is impracticable, the attorney may consult with the defendant and

participate in the proceeding electronically or by telecommunication if the equipment is at the judicial officer's location and the defense attorney's location provides adequate opportunity for the attorney to consult privately with the defendant and participate meaningfully in the proceeding.

(g) Provisional and Limited Appearance

(1) Provisional Representation by Public Defender

Unless the Public Defender has entered a general appearance pursuant to Rule 4-214, any appearance entered by the Public Defender at an initial appearance shall be provisional. For purposes of this section, eligibility for provisional representation shall be determined by the Public Defender at the time of the proceeding.

(2) Limited Appearance

Unless a general appearance has been entered pursuant to Rule 4-214, an appearance by a court-appointed or privately retained attorney shall be limited to the initial appearance before the judicial officer and shall terminate automatically upon the conclusion of that stage of the criminal action.

(3) Inconsistency with Rule 4-214

Section (g) of this Rule prevails over any inconsistent provision in Rule 4-214.

Source: This Rule is new but is derived, in part, from amendments proposed to Rule 4-216 in the 181<sup>st</sup> Report of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TITLE 4 - CRIMINAL CAUSES  
CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

AMEND Rule 4-216, as follows:

Rule 4-216. PRETRIAL RELEASE - AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL OFFICER;  
PROCEDURE

(a) Arrest Without Warrant

If a defendant was arrested without a warrant, upon the completion of the requirements of Rules 4-213 (a) and 4-213.1, the judicial officer shall determine whether there was probable cause for each charge and for the arrest and, as to each determination, make a written record. If there was probable cause for at least one charge and the arrest, the judicial officer shall implement the remaining sections of this Rule. If there was no probable cause for any of the charges or for the arrest, the judicial officer shall release the defendant on personal recognizance, with no other conditions of release, and the remaining sections of this Rule are inapplicable.

Cross reference: See Rule 4-213 ~~(a)(4)~~ (a)(5).

(b) Communications with Judicial Officer

Except as permitted by Rule 2.9 (a)(1) and (2) of the Maryland Code of Conduct for Judicial Appointees or Rule 2.9 (a)(1) and (2) of the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct, all communications with a judicial officer regarding any matter

required to be considered by the judicial officer under this Rule shall be (1) in writing, with a copy provided, if feasible, but at least shown or communicated by the judicial officer to each party who participates in the proceeding before the judicial officer, and made part of the record, or (2) made openly at the proceeding before the judicial officer. Each party who participates in the proceeding shall be given an opportunity to respond to the communication.

Cross reference: See also Rule 3.5 (a) of the Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct.

(c) Defendants Eligible for Release by Commissioner or Judge

In accordance with this Rule and Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §§5-101 and 5-201 and except as otherwise provided in section (d) of this Rule or by Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §§5-201 and 5-202, a defendant is entitled to be released before verdict on personal recognizance or on bail, in either case with or without conditions imposed, unless the judicial officer determines that no condition of release will reasonably ensure (1) the appearance of the defendant as required and (2) the safety of the alleged victim, another person, and the community.

(d) Defendants Eligible for Release only by a Judge

A defendant charged with an offense for which the maximum penalty is ~~death or~~ life imprisonment or with an offense listed under Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §5-202 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) may not be released by a District Court Commissioner, but may be released before verdict or pending a new

trial, if a new trial has been ordered, if a judge determines that all requirements imposed by law have been satisfied and that one or more conditions of release will reasonably ensure (1) the appearance of the defendant as required and (2) the safety of the alleged victim, another person, and the community.

~~(e) Initial Appearance Before a Judge~~

~~(1) Applicability~~

~~This section applies to an initial appearance before a judge. It does not apply to an initial appearance before a District Court commissioner.~~

~~(2) Duty of Public Defender~~

~~Unless another attorney has entered an appearance or the defendant has waived the right to counsel for purposes of an initial appearance before a judge in accordance with this section, the Public Defender shall provide representation to an eligible defendant at the initial appearance.~~

~~(3) Waiver of Counsel for Initial Appearance~~

~~(A) Unless an attorney has entered an appearance, the court shall advise the defendant that:~~

~~(i) the defendant has a right to counsel at this proceeding;~~

~~(ii) an attorney can be helpful in advocating that the defendant should be released on recognizance or on bail with minimal conditions and restrictions; and~~

~~(iii) if the defendant is eligible, the Public Defender will represent the defendant at this proceeding.~~

~~(B) If the defendant indicates a desire to waive counsel and the court finds that the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to counsel for purposes of the initial appearance, the court shall announce on the record that finding and proceed pursuant to this Rule.~~

~~(C) Any waiver found under this section applies only to the initial appearance.~~

~~(4) Waiver of Counsel for Future Proceedings~~

~~For proceedings after the initial appearance, waiver of counsel is governed by Rule 4-215.~~

~~Cross reference: For the requirement that the court also advise the defendant of the right to counsel generally, see Rule 4-215 (a).~~

~~(f) (e) Duties of Judicial Officer~~

~~(1) Consideration of Factors~~

~~In determining whether a defendant should be released and the conditions of release, the judicial officer shall take into account the following information, to the extent available:~~

~~(A) the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, the nature of the evidence against the defendant, and the potential sentence upon conviction;~~

~~(B) the defendant's prior record of appearance at court proceedings or flight to avoid prosecution or failure to appear at court proceedings;~~

~~(C) the defendant's family ties, employment status and history, financial resources, reputation, character and mental condition, length of residence in the community, and length of~~

residence in this State;

(D) any recommendation of an agency that conducts pretrial release investigations;

(E) any recommendation of the State's Attorney;

(F) any information presented by the defendant or defendant's ~~counsel~~ attorney;

(G) the danger of the defendant to the alleged victim, another person, or the community;

(H) the danger of the defendant to himself or herself; and

(I) any other factor bearing on the risk of a wilful failure to appear and the safety of the alleged victim, another person, or the community, including all prior convictions and any prior adjudications of delinquency that occurred within three years of the date the defendant is charged as an adult.

(2) Statement of Reasons - When Required

Upon determining to release a defendant to whom section (c) of this Rule applies or to refuse to release a defendant to whom section (b) of this Rule applies, the judicial officer shall state the reasons in writing or on the record.

(3) Imposition of Conditions of Release

If the judicial officer determines that the defendant should be released other than on personal recognizance without any additional conditions imposed, the judicial officer shall impose on the defendant the least onerous condition or combination of conditions of release set out in section ~~(g)~~ (f) of this Rule that will reasonably:

(A) ensure the appearance of the defendant as required,

(B) protect the safety of the alleged victim by ordering the defendant to have no contact with the alleged victim or the alleged victim's premises or place of employment or by other appropriate order, and

(C) ensure that the defendant will not pose a danger to another person or to the community.

(4) Advice of Conditions; Consequences of Violation; Amount and Terms of Bail

The judicial officer shall advise the defendant in writing or on the record of the conditions of release imposed and of the consequences of a violation of any condition. When bail is required, the judicial officer shall state in writing or on the record the amount and any terms of the bail.

~~(g)~~ (f) Conditions of Release

The conditions of release imposed by a judicial officer under this Rule may include:

(1) committing the defendant to the custody of a designated person or organization that agrees to supervise the defendant and assist in ensuring the defendant's appearance in court;

(2) placing the defendant under the supervision of a probation officer or other appropriate public official;

(3) subjecting the defendant to reasonable restrictions with respect to travel, association, or residence during the period of release;

(4) requiring the defendant to post a bail bond complying

with Rule 4-217 in an amount and on conditions specified by the judicial officer, including any of the following:

(A) without collateral security;

(B) with collateral security of the kind specified in Rule 4-217 (e) (1) (A) equal in value to the greater of \$100.00 or 10% of the full penalty amount, and if the judicial officer sets bail at \$2500 or less, the judicial officer shall advise the defendant that the defendant may post a bail bond secured by either a corporate surety or a cash deposit of 10% of the full penalty amount;

(C) with collateral security of the kind specified in Rule 4-217 (e) (1) (A) equal in value to a percentage greater than 10% but less than the full penalty amount;

(D) with collateral security of the kind specified in Rule 4-217 (e) (1) equal in value to the full penalty amount; or

(E) with the obligation of a corporation that is an insurer or other surety in the full penalty amount;

(5) subjecting the defendant to any other condition reasonably necessary to:

(A) ensure the appearance of the defendant as required,

(B) protect the safety of the alleged victim, and

(C) ensure that the defendant will not pose a danger to another person or to the community; and

(6) imposing upon the defendant, for good cause shown, one or more of the conditions authorized under Code, Criminal Law Article, §9-304 reasonably necessary to stop or prevent the

intimidation of a victim or witness or a violation of Code, Criminal Law Article, §9-302, 9-303, or 9-305.

Cross reference: See Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §5-201 (a) (2) concerning protections for victims as a condition of release. See Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §5-201 (b), and Code, Business Occupations and Professions Article, Title 20, concerning private home detention monitoring as a condition of release.

(g) Temporary Commitment Order

If an initial appearance before a commissioner cannot proceed or be completed as scheduled, the commissioner may enter a temporary commitment order, but in that event the defendant shall be presented at the earliest opportunity to the next available judicial officer for an initial appearance. If the judicial officer is a judge, there shall be no review of the judge's order pursuant to Rule 4-216.1.

Committee note: Section (g) of this Rule is intended to apply to a narrow set of compelling circumstances in which it would be inappropriate or impracticable to proceed with or complete the initial appearance as scheduled, such as the illness, intoxication, or disability of the defendant or the inability of an attorney for the defendant to appear within a reasonable time.

(h) Record

The judicial officer shall make a brief written record of the proceeding, including:

(1) whether notice of the time and place of the proceeding was given to the State's Attorney and the Public Defender or any other defense attorney and, if so, the time and method of notification;

(2) if a State's Attorney has entered an appearance, the name of the State's Attorney and whether the State's Attorney was

physically present at the proceeding or appeared remotely;

(3) if an attorney has entered an appearance for the defendant, the name of the attorney and whether the attorney was physically present at the proceeding or appeared remotely;

(4) if the defendant waived an attorney, a confirmation that the advice required by Rule 4-213.1 (e) was given and that the defendant's waiver was knowing and voluntary;

(5) confirmation that the judicial officer complied with each applicable requirement specified in section (e) of this Rule and in Rule 4-213 (a);

(6) whether the defendant was ordered held without bail;

(7) whether the defendant was released on personal recognizance; and

(8) if the defendant was ordered released on conditions pursuant to section (f) of this Rule, the conditions of the release.

~~(h)~~ (i) Title 5 Not Applicable

Title 5 of these rules does not apply to proceedings conducted under this Rule.

Source: This Rule is derived in part from former Rule 721, M.D.R. 723 b 4, and is in part new.

MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TITLE 4 - CRIMINAL CAUSES  
CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

AMEND Rule 4-202, as follows:

Rule 4-202. CHARGING DOCUMENT - CONTENT

(a) General Requirements

A charging document shall contain the name of the defendant or any name or description by which the defendant can be identified with reasonable certainty, except that the defendant need not be named or described in a citation for a parking violation. It shall contain a concise and definite statement of the essential facts of the offense with which the defendant is charged and, with reasonable particularity, the time and place the offense occurred. An allegation made in one count may be incorporated by reference in another count. The statute or other authority for each count shall be cited at the end of the count, but error in or omission of the citation of authority is not grounds for dismissal of the charging document or for reversal of a conviction.

A charging document also shall contain a notice to the defendant in the following form:

TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have

the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.

3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.

4. You have the right to have a lawyer.

5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:

(A) explaining the charges in this paper;

(B) telling you the possible penalties;

(C) helping you at trial;

(D) helping you protect your constitutional rights; and

(E) helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.

6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.

7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under Rule 4-216.1 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. The court clerk will tell you how to contact the Public Defender.

8. If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.

9. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER. If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.

(b) Signature on Charging Documents

(1) Requirement - Who Must Sign

(A) Before a citation is issued, it shall be signed by the peace officer who issues it.

Cross reference: See Rule 4-102 (h) for definition of "peace officer."

(B) A Statement of Charges shall be signed by the peace officer or judicial officer who issues it.

(C) An indictment shall be signed by the foreperson or acting foreperson of the grand jury and also may be signed by a State's Attorney.

(D) A criminal information shall be signed by a State's Attorney.

(2) Method of Signing

(A) A charging document filed in paper form shall contain either the handwritten signature of the individual who signed the document or a facsimile signature of that individual affixed in a manner that assures the genuineness of the signature.

(B) Subject to the Rules in Title 20, a charging document filed electronically shall contain a facsimile or digital

signature of the individual purporting to be the signer, which shall be affixed in a manner that assures the genuineness of the signature.

(C) If an indictment or criminal information is not signed personally by the elected or appointed State's Attorney for the county but is properly signed by another individual authorized to sign the document, the typed name of the elected or appointed State's Attorney may also appear on the document.

(3) Waiver of Objection

A plea to the merits waives any objection that the charging document is not signed.

(c) Specific Requirements

(1) Citation

(A) A citation shall be (i) under oath of the peace officer who signs it, or (ii) accompanied by a Statement of Probable Cause signed under oath by the same or another peace officer.

(B) A citation shall contain a command to the defendant to appear in District Court when required.

(2) Statement of Charges

A Statement of Charges shall include or be accompanied by (A) a Statement of Probable Cause signed under oath, or (B) an Application for Statement of Charges signed under oath, which is sufficient to establish probable cause.

(3) Indictment

An indictment shall conclude with the words "against the peace, government, and dignity of the State."

(4) Summons in District Court

A District Court summons shall contain a command to the defendant to appear in District Court as directed.

Cross reference: See Section 13 of Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland and *State v. Dycer*, 85 Md. 246, 36 A. 763 (1897).

(d) Matters Not Required

A charging document need not negate an exception, excuse, or proviso contained in a statute or other authority creating or defining the offense charged. It is not necessary to use the word "feloniously" or "unlawfully" to charge a felony or misdemeanor in a charging document. In describing money in a charging document, it is sufficient to refer to the amount in current money, without specifying the particular notes, denominations, coins, or certificates circulating as money of which the amount is composed.

Source: This Rule is derived as follows:

Section (a) is derived from former M.D.R. 711 a and Rule 711 a.

Section (b) is derived from former M.D.R. 711 b 2 and Rule 711 c.

Section (c) is derived from former M.D.R. 711 b 1 and Rule 711 b.

Section (d) is derived from former Rule 711 d and e and M.D.R. 711 c and d.

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CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

AMEND Rule 4-214, as follows:

Rule 4-214. DEFENSE COUNSEL

(a) Appearance

Counsel retained or appointed to represent a defendant shall enter an appearance in writing within five days after accepting employment, after appointment, or after the filing of the charging document in court, whichever occurs later. An appearance entered in the District Court will automatically be entered in the circuit court when a case is transferred to the circuit court because of a demand for jury trial. In any other circumstance, counsel who intends to continue representation in the circuit court after appearing in the District Court must re-enter an appearance in the circuit court.

Cross reference: See Rules 4-213.1 and 4-216.1 (b) with respect to the automatic termination of the appearance of the Public Defender or court-appointed attorney upon the conclusion of an initial appearance before a judicial officer and upon the conclusion of a hearing to review a pretrial release decision of a commissioner if no general appearance under this Rule is entered.

(b) Extent of Duty of Appointed Counsel

When counsel is appointed by the Public Defender or by the court, representation extends to all stages in the proceedings, including but not limited to custody, interrogations, preliminary

hearing, pretrial motions and hearings, trial, motions for modification or review of sentence or new trial, and appeal. The Public Defender may relieve appointed counsel and substitute new counsel for the defendant without order of court by giving notice of the substitution to the clerk of the court. Representation by the Public Defender's office may not be withdrawn until the appearance of that office has been stricken pursuant to section (d) of this Rule. The representation of appointed counsel does not extend to the filing of subsequent discretionary proceedings including petition for writ of certiorari, petition to expunge records, and petition for post conviction relief.

(c) Inquiry into Joint Representation

(1) Joint Representation

Joint representation occurs when:

(A) an offense is charged that carries a potential sentence of incarceration;

(B) two or more defendants have been charged jointly or joined for trial under Rule 4-253 (a); and

(C) the defendants are represented by the same counsel or by counsel who are associated in the practice of law.

(2) Court's Responsibilities in Cases of Joint Representation

If a joint representation occurs, the court, on the record, promptly and personally shall (A) advise each defendant of the right to effective assistance of counsel, including separate representation and (B) advise counsel to consider carefully any potential areas of impermissible conflict of

interest arising from the joint representation. Unless there is good cause to believe that no impermissible conflict of interest is likely to arise, the court shall take appropriate measures to protect each defendant's right to counsel.

Cross reference: See Rule 1.7 of the Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct.

(d) Striking Appearance

A motion to withdraw the appearance of counsel shall be made in writing or in the presence of the defendant in open court. If the motion is in writing, moving counsel shall certify that a written notice of intention to withdraw appearance was sent to the defendant at least ten days before the filing of the motion. If the defendant is represented by other counsel or if other counsel enters an appearance on behalf of the defendant, and if no objection is made within ten days after the motion is filed, the clerk shall strike the appearance of moving counsel. If no other counsel has entered an appearance for the defendant, leave to withdraw may be granted only by order of court. The court may refuse leave to withdraw an appearance if it would unduly delay the trial of the action, would be prejudicial to any of the parties, or otherwise would not be in the interest of justice. If leave is granted and the defendant is not represented, a subpoena or other writ shall be issued and served on the defendant for an appearance before the court for proceedings pursuant to Rule 4-215.

Cross reference: Code, Courts Article, §6-407 (Automatic Termination of Appearance of Attorney). See Rules 4-213.1 and 4-

216.1 (b) providing for a limited appearance by the Public Defender or court-appointed attorney in initial appearance proceedings before a judicial officer and hearings to review a pretrial release decision by a commissioner if no general appearance under this Rule is entered.

Source: This Rule is in part derived from former Rule 725 and M.D.R. 725 and in part from the 2009 version of Fed. R. Crim. P. 44.

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AMEND Rule 4-215, as follows:

Rule 4-215. WAIVER OF COUNSEL

(a) First Appearance in Court Without Counsel

At the defendant's first appearance in court without counsel, or when the defendant appears in the District Court without counsel, demands a jury trial, and the record does not disclose prior compliance with this section by a judge, the court shall:

(1) Make certain that the defendant has received a copy of the charging document containing notice as to the right to counsel.

(2) Inform the defendant of the right to counsel and of the importance of assistance of counsel.

(3) Advise the defendant of the nature of the charges in the charging document, and the allowable penalties, including mandatory penalties, if any.

(4) Conduct a waiver inquiry pursuant to section (b) of this Rule if the defendant indicates a desire to waive counsel.

(5) If trial is to be conducted on a subsequent date, advise the defendant that if the defendant appears for trial without counsel, the court could determine that the defendant waived

counsel and proceed to trial with the defendant unrepresented by counsel.

(6) If the defendant is charged with an offense that carries a penalty of incarceration, determine whether the defendant had appeared before a judicial officer for an initial appearance pursuant to Rule 4-213 or a hearing pursuant to Rule 4-216 and, if so, that the record of such proceeding shows that the defendant was advised of the right to counsel.

The clerk shall note compliance with this section in the file or on the docket.

(b) Express Waiver of Counsel

If a defendant who is not represented by counsel indicates a desire to waive counsel, the court may not accept the waiver until after an examination of the defendant on the record conducted by the court, the State's Attorney, or both, the court determines and announces on the record that the defendant is knowingly and voluntarily waiving the right to counsel. If the file or docket does not reflect compliance with section (a) of this Rule, the court shall comply with that section as part of the waiver inquiry. The court shall ensure that compliance with this section is noted in the file or on the docket. At any subsequent appearance of the defendant before the court, the docket or file notation of compliance shall be prima facie proof of the defendant's express waiver of counsel. After there has been an express waiver, no postponement of a scheduled trial or hearing date will be granted to obtain counsel unless the court

finds it is in the interest of justice to do so.

(c) Waiver by Inaction - District Court

In the District Court, if the defendant appears on the date set for trial without counsel and indicates a desire to have counsel, the court shall permit the defendant to explain the appearance without counsel. If the court finds that there is a meritorious reason for the defendant's appearance without counsel, the court shall continue the action to a later time, comply with section (a) of this Rule, if the record does not show prior compliance, and advise the defendant that if counsel does not enter an appearance by that time, the action will proceed to trial with the defendant unrepresented by counsel. If the court finds that there is no meritorious reason for the defendant's appearance without counsel, the court may determine that the defendant has waived counsel by failing or refusing to obtain counsel and may proceed with the trial only if (1) the defendant received a copy of the charging document containing the notice as to the right to counsel and (2) the defendant either (A) is charged with an offense that is not punishable by a fine exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment, or (B) appeared before a judicial officer of the District Court pursuant to Rule 4-213 (a) or (b) or before the court pursuant to section (a) of this Rule and was given the required advice.

(d) Waiver by Inaction - Circuit Court

If a defendant appears in circuit court without counsel on the date set for hearing or trial, indicates a desire to have

counsel, and the record shows compliance with section (a) of this Rule, either in a previous appearance in the circuit court or in an appearance in the District Court in a case in which the defendant demanded a jury trial, the court shall permit the defendant to explain the appearance without counsel. If the court finds that there is a meritorious reason for the defendant's appearance without counsel, the court shall continue the action to a later time and advise the defendant that if counsel does not enter an appearance by that time, the action will proceed to trial with the defendant unrepresented by counsel. If the court finds that there is no meritorious reason for the defendant's appearance without counsel, the court may determine that the defendant has waived counsel by failing or refusing to obtain counsel and may proceed with the hearing or trial.

(e) Discharge of Counsel - Waiver

If a defendant requests permission to discharge an attorney whose appearance has been entered, the court shall permit the defendant to explain the reasons for the request. If the court finds that there is a meritorious reason for the defendant's request, the court shall permit the discharge of counsel; continue the action if necessary; and advise the defendant that if new counsel does not enter an appearance by the next scheduled trial date, the action will proceed to trial with the defendant unrepresented by counsel. If the court finds no meritorious reason for the defendant's request, the court may not

permit the discharge of counsel without first informing the defendant that the trial will proceed as scheduled with the defendant unrepresented by counsel if the defendant discharges counsel and does not have new counsel. If the court permits the defendant to discharge counsel, it shall comply with subsections (a) (1)-(4) of this Rule if the docket or file does not reflect prior compliance.

Cross reference: See Rule ~~4-216 (e)~~ 4-213.1 with respect to waiver of ~~counsel~~ an attorney at an initial appearance before a judge and Rule 4-216.1 ~~(a)~~ (b) with respect to waiver of ~~counsel~~ an attorney at a hearing to review a pretrial release decision of a commissioner.

Source: This Rule is derived as follows:

Section (a) is derived from former Rule 723 b 1, 2, 3 and 7 and c 1.

Section (b) is derived from former Rule 723.

Section (c) is in part derived from former M.D.R. 726 and in part new.

Section (d) is derived from the first sentence of former M.D.R. 726 d.

Section (e) is new.

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CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

AMEND Rule 4-216.1, as follows:

Rule 4-216.1. ~~FURTHER PROCEEDINGS REGARDING~~ REVIEW OF  
COMMISSIONER'S PRETRIAL RELEASE ORDER

~~(a) Review of Pretrial Release Order Entered by Commissioner~~

~~(1)~~ (a) Generally

A defendant who is denied pretrial release by a commissioner or who for any reason remains in custody after a commissioner has determined conditions of release pursuant to Rule 4-216 shall be presented immediately to the District Court if the court is then in session, or if not, at the next session of the court.

Cross reference: See Rule 4-231 (d) concerning the presence of a defendant by video conferencing.

~~(2)~~ (b) ~~Counsel~~ Attorney for Defendant

~~(A)~~ (1) Duty of Public Defender

Unless another attorney has entered an appearance or the defendant has waived the right to ~~counsel~~ an attorney for purposes of the review hearing in accordance with this section, the Public Defender shall provide representation to an eligible defendant at the review hearing.

~~(B)~~ (2) Waiver

~~(i)~~ (A) Unless an attorney has entered an appearance, the

court shall advise the defendant that:

~~(a)~~ (i) the defendant has a right to ~~counsel~~ an attorney at the review hearing;

~~(b)~~ (ii) an attorney can be helpful in advocating that the defendant should be released on recognizance or on bail with minimal conditions and restrictions; and

~~(c)~~ (iii) if the defendant is eligible, the Public Defender will represent the defendant at this proceeding.

Cross reference: For the requirement that the court also advise the defendant of the right to counsel generally, see Rule 4-215 (a).

~~(ii)~~ (B) If, after the giving of this advice, the defendant indicates a desire to waive ~~counsel~~ an attorney for purposes of the review hearing and the court finds that the ~~defendant~~ defendant ~~knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to counsel for purposes of the review hearing~~ waiver is knowing and voluntary, the court shall announce on the record that finding and proceed pursuant to this Rule.

~~(iii)~~ (C) Any waiver found under this Rule ~~applies is~~ applicable only to the review hearing proceeding under this Rule.

~~(c)~~ (3) Waiver of ~~Counsel~~ Attorney for Future Proceedings

For proceedings after the review hearing, waiver of ~~counsel~~ an attorney is governed by Rule 4-215.

~~Cross reference: For the requirement that the court also advise the defendant of the right to counsel generally, see Rule 4-215 (a).~~

~~(3)~~ (c) Determination by Court

The District Court shall review the commissioner's pretrial

release determination and take appropriate action in accordance with Rule 4-216 ~~(f) and (g)~~ (e) and (f). If the court determines that the defendant will continue to be held in custody after the review, the court shall set forth in writing on the record the reasons for the continued detention.

~~(4)~~ (d) Juvenile Defendant

If the defendant is a child whose case is eligible for transfer to the juvenile court pursuant to Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §4-202 (b), the District Court, regardless of whether it has jurisdiction over the offense charged, may order that a study be made of the child, the child's family, or other appropriate matters. The court also may order that the child be held in a secure juvenile facility.

~~(b)~~ ~~Continuance of Previous Conditions~~

~~When conditions of pretrial release have been previously imposed in the District Court, the conditions continue in the circuit court unless amended or revoked pursuant to section (c) of this Rule.~~

~~(c)~~ ~~Amendment of Pretrial Release Order~~

~~After a charging document has been filed, the court, on motion of any party or on its own initiative and after notice and opportunity for hearing, may revoke an order of pretrial release or amend it to impose additional or different conditions of release. If its decision results in the detention of the defendant, the court shall state the reasons for its action in writing or on the record. A judge may alter conditions set by a~~

~~commissioner or another judge.~~

~~(d) Supervision of Detention Pending Trial~~

~~In order to eliminate unnecessary detention, the court shall exercise supervision over the detention of defendants pending trial. It shall require from the sheriff, warden, or other custodial officer a weekly report listing each defendant within its jurisdiction who has been held in custody in excess of seven days pending preliminary hearing, trial, sentencing, or appeal. The report shall give the reason for the detention of each defendant.~~

~~(e) Violation of Condition of Release~~

~~A court may issue a bench warrant for the arrest of a defendant charged with a criminal offense who is alleged to have violated a condition of pretrial release. After the defendant is presented before a court, the court may (1) revoke the defendant's pretrial release or (2) continue the defendant's pretrial release with or without conditions.~~

~~Cross reference: See Rule 1-361, Execution of Warrants and Body Attachments. See also, Rule 4-347, Proceedings for Revocation of Probation, which preserves the authority of a judge issuing a warrant to set the conditions of release on an alleged violation of probation.~~

~~(f) (e) Title 5 Not Applicable~~

~~Title 5 of these Rules does not apply to proceedings conducted under this Rule.~~

~~Source: This Rule is new but is derived, in part, from former sections (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of Rule 4-216. This Rule is derived from former section (a) of Rule 4-216.1 (2012).~~

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AMEND Rule 4-231, as follows:

Rule 4-231. PRESENCE OF DEFENDANT

(a) When Presence Required

A defendant shall be present at all times when required by the court. A corporation may be present by counsel.

(b) Right to be Present - Exceptions

A defendant is entitled to be physically present in person at a preliminary hearing and every stage of the trial, except (1) at a conference or argument on a question of law; (2) when a nolle prosequi or stet is entered pursuant to Rules 4-247 and 4-248.

Cross reference: Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §11-303.

(c) Waiver of Right to be Present

The right to be present under section (b) of this Rule is waived by a defendant:

(1) who is voluntarily absent after the proceeding has commenced, whether or not informed by the court of the right to remain; or

(2) who engages in conduct that justifies exclusion from the courtroom; or

(3) who, personally or through counsel, agrees to or

acquiesces in being absent.

(d) Video Conferencing in District Court

In the District Court, if the Chief Judge of the District Court has approved the use of video conferencing in the county, a judicial officer may conduct an initial appearance under Rule 4-213 (a) or a review of the commissioner's pretrial release determination under Rule 4-216.1 ~~(a)~~ with the defendant and the judicial officer at different locations, provided that:

(1) the defendant's right to counsel under ~~Rule 4-216 (e) and Rule 4-216.1 (a)~~ Rules 4-213.1 and 4-216.1 is not infringed;

(2) the video conferencing procedure and technology are approved by the Chief Judge of the District Court for use in the county; and

(3) immediately after the proceeding, all documents that are not a part of the District Court file and that would be a part of the file if the proceeding had been conducted face-to-face shall be electronically transmitted or hand-delivered to the District Court; and.

~~(4) if the initial appearance under Rule 4-213 is conducted by video conferencing, the review under Rule 4-216.1 (a) shall not be conducted by video conferencing.~~

Committee note: Except when specifically covered by this Rule, the matter of presence of the defendant during any stage of the proceedings is left to case law and the Rule is not intended to exhaust all situations. ~~By the addition of section (d) to the Rule, the Committee intends no inference concerning the use of video conferencing in other contexts.~~

Source: Sections (a), (b), and (c) of this Rule are derived from

former Rule 724 and M.D.R. 724. Section (d) is new.

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CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

ADD new Rule 4-216.2, as follows:

Rule 4-216.2. FURTHER PROCEEDINGS REGARDING PRETRIAL RELEASE

(a) Continuance of Previous Conditions

When conditions of pretrial release have been previously imposed in the District Court, the conditions continue in the circuit court unless amended or revoked pursuant to section (b) of this Rule.

(b) Amendment of Pretrial Release Order

After a charging document has been filed, the court, on motion of any party or on its own initiative and after notice and opportunity for hearing, may revoke an order of pretrial release or amend it to impose additional or different conditions of release. If its decision results in the detention of the defendant, the court shall state the reasons for its action in writing or on the record. A judge may alter conditions set by a commissioner or another judge.

(c) Supervision of Detention Pending Trial

In order to eliminate unnecessary detention, the court shall exercise supervision over the detention of defendants pending trial. It shall require from the sheriff, warden, or other custodial officer a weekly report listing each defendant

within its jurisdiction who has been held in custody in excess of seven days pending preliminary hearing, trial, sentencing, or appeal. The report shall give the reason for the detention of each defendant.

(d) Violation of Condition of Release

A court may issue a bench warrant for the arrest of a defendant charged with a criminal offense who is alleged to have violated a condition of pretrial release. After the defendant is presented before a court, the court may (1) revoke the defendant's pretrial release or (2) continue the defendant's pretrial release with or without conditions.

Cross reference: See Rule 1-361, Execution of Warrants and Body Attachments. See also, Rule 4-347, Proceedings for Revocation of Probation, which preserves the authority of a judge issuing a warrant to set the conditions of release on an alleged violation of probation.

(e) Title 5 Not Applicable

Title 5 of these rules does not apply to proceedings conducted under this Rule.

Source: This Rule is new but is derived, in part, from former sections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of Rule 4-216.1 (2012).

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AMEND Rule 4-212, as follows:

Rule 4-212. ISSUANCE, SERVICE, AND EXECUTION OF SUMMONS OR  
WARRANT

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(f) Procedure - When Defendant in Custody

(1) Same Offense

When a defendant is arrested without a warrant, the defendant shall be taken before a judicial officer of the District Court without unnecessary delay and in no event later than 24 hours after arrest. When a charging document is filed in the District Court for the offense for which the defendant is already in custody a warrant or summons need not issue. A copy of the charging document shall be served on the defendant promptly after it is filed, and a return shall be made as for a warrant. When a charging document is filed in the circuit court for an offense for which the defendant is already in custody, a warrant issued pursuant to subsection (d)(2) of this Rule may be lodged as a detainer for the continued detention of the defendant under the jurisdiction of the court in which the charging document is filed. Unless otherwise ordered pursuant to Rule 4-216, ~~or 4-216.1, or 4-216.2,~~ the defendant remains subject to

conditions of pretrial release imposed by the District Court.

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CHAPTER 200 - PRETRIAL PROCEDURES

AMEND Rule 4-217, as follows:

Rule 4-217. BAIL BONDS

(a) Applicability of Rule

This Rule applies to all bail bonds taken pursuant to Rule 4-216, ~~or 4-216.1, or 4-216.2,~~ and to bonds taken pursuant to Rules 4-267, 4-348, and 4-349 to the extent consistent with those rules.

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(j) Discharge of Bond - Refund of Collateral Security

(1) Discharge

The bail bond shall be discharged when:

(A) all charges to which the bail bond applies have been statted, unless the bond has been forfeited and 10 years have elapsed since the bond or other security was posted; or

(B) all charges to which the bail bond applies have been disposed of by a nolle prosequi, dismissal, acquittal, or probation before judgment; or

(C) the defendant has been sentenced in the District Court and no timely appeal has been taken, or in the circuit court exercising original jurisdiction, or on appeal or transfer from the District Court; or

(D) the court has revoked the bail bond pursuant to Rule ~~4-216.1~~ 4-216.2 or the defendant has been convicted and denied bail pending sentencing; or

(E) the defendant has been surrendered by the surety pursuant to section (h) of this Rule.

Cross reference: See Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §5-208 (d) relating to discharge of a bail bond when the charges are statted. See also Rule 4-349 pursuant to which the District Court judge may deny release on bond pending appeal or may impose different or greater conditions for release after conviction than were imposed for the pretrial release of the defendant pursuant to Rule 4-216, ~~or 4-216.1,~~ or 4-216.2.

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MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TITLE 4 - CRIMINAL CAUSES  
CHAPTER 300 - TRIAL AND SENTENCING

AMEND Rule 4-349, as follows:

Rule 4-349. RELEASE AFTER CONVICTION

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(c) Conditions of Release

The court may impose different or greater conditions for release under this Rule than had been imposed upon the defendant before trial pursuant to Rule 4-216, ~~or~~ Rule 4-216.1, 4-216.2. When the defendant is released pending sentencing, the condition of any bond required by the court shall be that the defendant appear for further proceedings as directed and surrender to serve any sentence imposed. When the defendant is released pending any appellate review, the condition of any bond required by the court shall be that the defendant prosecute the appellate review according to law and, upon termination of the appeal, surrender to serve any sentence required to be served or appear for further proceedings as directed. The bond shall continue until discharged by order of the court or until surrender of the defendant, whichever is earlier.

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MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TITLE 5 - EVIDENCE  
CHAPTER 100 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

AMEND Rule 5-101, as follows:

Rule 5-101. SCOPE

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(b) Rules Inapplicable

The rules in this Title other than those relating to the competency of witnesses do not apply to the following proceedings:

- (1) Proceedings before grand juries;
- (2) Proceedings for extradition or rendition;
- (3) Direct contempt proceedings in which the court may act summarily;
- (4) Small claim actions under Rule 3-701 and appeals under Rule 7-112 (d) (2);
- (5) Issuance of a summons or warrant under Rule 4-212;
- (6) Pretrial release under Rule 4-216, ~~or~~ 4-216.1, or 4-216.2 or release after conviction under Rule 4-349;
- (7) Preliminary hearings under Rule 4-221;
- (8) Post-sentencing procedures under Rule 4-340;
- (9) Sentencing in non-capital cases under Rule 4-342;
- (10) Issuance of a search warrant under Rule 4-601;
- (11) Detention and shelter care hearings under Rule 11-112;

and

(12) Any other proceeding in which, prior to the adoption of the rules in this Title, the court was traditionally not bound by the common-law rules of evidence.

Committee note: The Rules in this Chapter are not intended to limit the Court of Appeals in defining the application of the rules of evidence in sentencing proceedings in capital cases or to override specific statutory provisions regarding the admissibility of evidence in those proceedings. See, for example, *Tichnell v. State*, 290 Md. 43 (1981); Code, Correctional Services Article, §6-112 (c).

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MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TITLE 15 - OTHER SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CHAPTER 300 - HABEAS CORPUS

AMEND Rule 15-303, as follows:

Rule 15-303. PROCEDURE ON PETITION

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(b) Bail

(1) Pretrial

If a petition by or on behalf of an individual who is confined prior to or during trial seeks a writ of habeas corpus for the purpose of determining admission to bail or the appropriateness of any bail set, the judge to whom the petition is directed may deny the petition without a hearing if a judge has previously determined the individual's eligibility for pretrial release or the conditions for such release pursuant to Rule 4-216, ~~or 4-216.1, or 4-216.2~~ and the petition raises no grounds sufficient to warrant issuance of the writ other than grounds that were raised when the earlier pretrial release determination was made.

Cross reference: Rule 4-213 (c).

(2) After Conviction

(A) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) (B) of this section, if a petition by or on behalf of an individual confined as a result of a conviction pending sentencing or

exhaustion of appellate review seeks a writ of habeas corpus for the purpose of determining admission to bail or the appropriateness of any bail set, the judge to whom the petition is directed may deny the writ and order that the petition be treated as a motion for release or for amendment of an order of release pursuant to Rule 4-349. Upon entry of the order, the judge shall transmit the petition, a certified copy of the order, and any other pertinent papers to the trial judge who presided at the proceeding as a result of which the individual was confined. Upon receiving of the transmittal, the trial judge shall proceed in accordance with Rule 4-349.

(B) If a petition directed to a circuit court judge is filed by or on behalf of an individual confined as a result of a conviction in the District Court that has been appealed to a circuit court, the circuit court judge shall act on the petition and may not transmit or refer the petition to a District Court judge.

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