Notice of Your Right to an Attorney

You have been arrested and/or charged with a crime. You may go to jail or prison if you are convicted.

You have the following rights:

- To talk to an attorney;
- To have an attorney with you when you are questioned by the police or the district attorney;
- To have an attorney with you in any and all court proceedings.

You also have the right to *not* be represented by an attorney. You can give up your right to an attorney at any time, even after one is appointed for you. However, you should not do so unless and until you have carefully thought over the effect of this decision.

If you believe you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you by the Stațe Public Defender's Office <u>if you qualify</u>.

If you want to apply for a State Public Defender attorney, or if you have any questions, you should contact the State Public Defender between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, at:

State Public Defender's Office 411 Ellis Avenue, Suite B Ashland, WI 54806 715-436-5070

<u>Important Information</u>

- 1. You must call the State Public Defender. The State Public Defender's Office will not call you. An attorney will not be appointed unless you call them and qualify for their services.
- 2. Do not wait until your court date to call the State Public Defender. Make the call right now.
- 3. If the State Public Defender says you do not qualify for their services:
 - You may ask the judge to review the State Public Defender's determination;
 - You may hire an attorney and pay for the attorney yourself;
 - You may ask the judge to appoint an attorney for you;
 - You may give up your right to have an attorney.