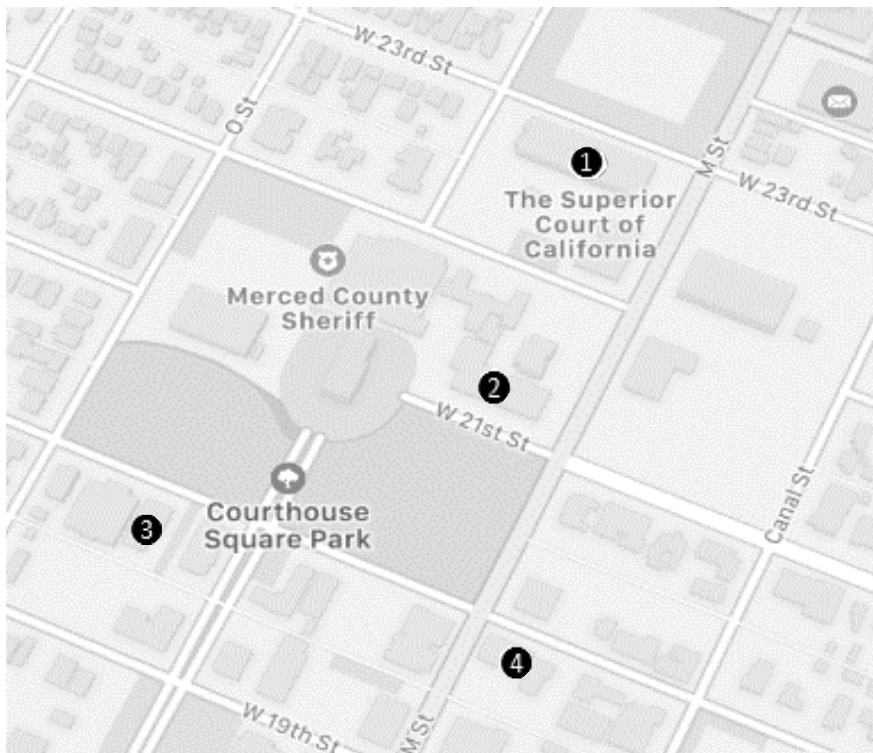


Public Defender Appointed

The Court has appointed an attorney to represent you in your case. You have been ordered by the judge to return to court at a future date. It is important that you see your court-appointed attorney before your next court hearing. The following are the steps you must take to receive the services of your attorney:

- ❖ You will be represented by an attorney from the Merced County Public Defender's Office.
- ❖ You must schedule an interview with the Public Defender's Office before your next court date. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the interviewing process has temporarily changed. Drop in hours are currently not being offered. Call the office to schedule an appointment with your attorney by phone:
 - **Merced: (209) 385-7692, located at 1944 M Street Merced, CA 95340**
 - **Los Banos: (209) 710-6030, located at 455 I Street Los Banos, CA 95365**
- ❖ Limited services will be provided in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Walk-In appointments are discouraged.**
- ❖ Keep in mind that your attorney may not have much time to speak to you about your case at the court hearing, because the attorney will be busy handling many cases at that hearing. Any further discussions with your attorney throughout the case are strongly encouraged to be done by phone.
- ❖ In addition to speaking to the attorney about your case, it is important for you to keep the Public Defender up-to-date on your current address and phone number.
- ❖ If for some reason you are not able to go to a court hearing, you must notify your attorney. In certain cases, after speaking with you, the attorney may be able to continue your court hearing without a bench warrant being issued. It is your responsibility to contact the Public Defender's Office after the court hearing to find out what happened at court.

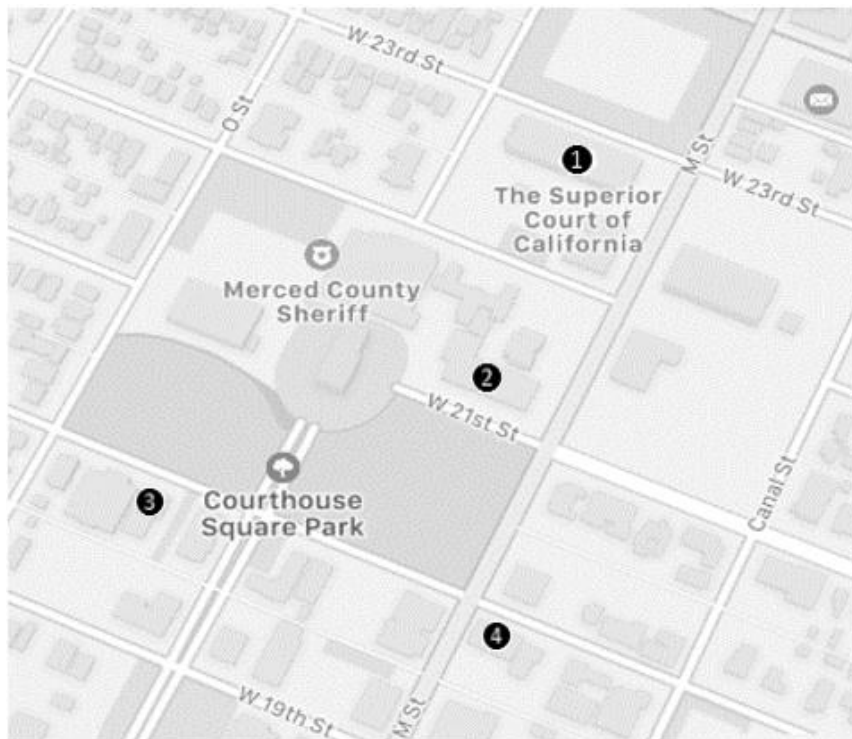


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Nombramiento de Abogado de Oficio

El Juez ha nombrado un abogado de oficio para que le represente en su causa y le ha ordenado regresar a una audiencia judicial en una fecha posterior a la de hoy. Es importante que consulte con su abogado de oficio antes de su próxima audiencia. A continuación, se explica la tramitación necesaria para recibir los servicios de su abogado:

- ❖ Lo representará un abogado del Bufete de Abogados de Oficio (Public Defender's Office).
- ❖ Debe programar una entrevista con el Bufete de Abogados de Oficio antes de su próxima comparecencia en el tribunal. Debido a la Pandemia Covid-19, se ha modificado provisionalmente el proceso de entrevistas. No se ofrece actualmente el servicio de entrevistas de oficina sin previa cita. Llame para programar una entrevista por teléfono con su abogado:
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- ❖ Solo pueden prestarse servicios limitados en la oficina de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. No se recomienda presentarse a la oficina sin previa cita.
- ❖ Tenga presente que su abogado tal vez no tenga tiempo de hablar con usted sobre su causa en la audiencia judicial en vista de que estará ocupado con bastantes casos. Se recomienda ampliamente que toda consulta adicional con su abogado durante la duración de su causa se lleve a cabo vía telefónica.
- ❖ Además de hablar con un abogado de su causa, es importante que mantenga informado al Bufete de Abogados de Oficio de su domicilio actual.
- ❖ Si por alguna razón no puede presentarse a sus audiencias en el tribunal, debe notificar a su abogado. En ciertos casos, después de hablar con usted, su abogado puede aplazar su causa sin que se expida una orden de arresto en su contra. Es su responsabilidad comunicarse con el Bufete de Abogados de Oficio después de la audiencia para informarse de lo que sucedió.



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