



TERENCE HALLINAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Date:

Police Report # _____

Date of Occurrence: _____

Arraignment Date: _____

Dear _____:

You were arrested and cited for a violation of California Penal Code Section 647, subdivision (b), engaging or soliciting the act of prostitution. Prostitution is illegal and prosecuted in this state. Due to the increase of sexually transmitted diseases and the exploitation of young adults, prostitution is no longer just a criminal justice issue; it is a public health concern.

After review of the above cited police report, it is the opinion of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office that you committed a criminal offense that can be prosecuted. A preliminary review of your record, however, indicates that this offense is your first adult contact with the criminal justice system. Therefore pending verification of your record, you are eligible to participate in San Francisco's First Offender Program. This program is sponsored by the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Adult Probation Department, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

In lieu of criminal prosecution, this program is designed to educate individuals about the social, health, and legal ramifications of engaging in the act of or the solicitation of prostitution. The program is voluntary and requires payment of an administrative fee of five hundred dollars to cover the administration and educational costs of the program. The program is given as a one-time, eight-hour course, usually on the last Saturday of each month. Those individuals who are eligible and wish to participate must take and complete the class 120 days from the day of arrest. Once the class is completed, within the prescribed time, the above-stated criminal case will be discharged. It is important to stress, however, to be eligible and to remain eligible you cannot commit another criminal offense during this 120 day period. If another crime is committed, the above-stated case will be filed, as well as the new offense. **You may wish to consult an attorney as to whether or not you wish to participate in the First Offender Prostitution Program.**

If you are interested in participating **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WITHIN TEN WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.**

- 1) Report to the SFDA's reception area at Room 322 (Third Floor) and pay the administrative fee of \$500.00. The administrative fee should be made out to the SFDA FOPP Fund in a cashier's check or money order only. No personal checks or cash will be accepted.

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2) Report to Room 475 (Fourth Floor) of the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street for a processing by the Police Department. Processing hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Participants from out of the area may only be processed on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

You must bring the attached SFDA FOPP Referral Form, a photo I.D. and your citation in order to be processed.

3) You will then be registered for a class. You will be informed of the class date and location. If you require an interpreter, please inform us when you sign up for a class.

Please note if after police processing of your criminal record it is determined that you are NOT ELIGIBLE you will be notified and received a full refund of your administrative fee. You will also be given a return court date. You must appear in court on the given date.

Please bring the SFDA FOPP Referral Form with you to the class. On the date you complete the FOPP class, the Registrar will give you a receipt of completion. If you fail to appear for your scheduled class, not only will the above-captioned case be filed against you, but you will also forfeit your administrative fee.

If you have any further questions regarding the FOPP class, please contact Lisa Ortiz, FOPP Program Coordinator at (415) 553-9743. Ms. Ortiz can answer your questions regarding FOPP only. You should contact an attorney if you have any questions about the merits of your case or require legal advice.

Very truly yours,
TERENCE HALLINAN



Reve Bautista
Assistant District Attorney

Enclosure