



10th Judicial District
Johnson County

Marijuana Plea Docket



Your Questions Answered

Where is court?

This docket will be called in Courtroom 2C located on the 2nd floor of the Johnson County Courthouse located at 150 W. Santa Fe, Olathe, Kansas 66061.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Tj5sgE12cjGHjbpq9>

When is court?

Court is at 1:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Do I need to appear on my court date or can I pay my ticket?

You must appear on your assigned court date. You will be fingerprinted at your first court date as required by K.S.A. 21- 2501 which reads in part: the court shall ensure, upon the offender's first appearance of a felony or an A or B misdemeanor, that the offender has been processed, fingerprinted and palm printed.

What class of offense is a charge of possession of marijuana/THC?

The charge of possession of marijuana/THC is...

(A) Class B nonperson misdemeanor, ;
(B) Class A nonperson misdemeanor if that person has a prior conviction under such subsection, under K.S.A. 65-4162, prior to its repeal, under a substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction, or under any city ordinance or county resolution for a substantially similar offense; and
(C) Drug severity level 5 felony if that person has two or more prior convictions under such subsection, under K.S.A. 65-4162, prior to its repeal, under a substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction, or under any city ordinance or county resolution for a substantially similar offense.

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-5706

What is the possible penalty for the charge of possession of marijuana or THC?

Possible penalties could include a jail penalty, a sentence in the Kansas Department of Corrections, and/or a fine depending on the severity level of the charge.

Do I need to hire an attorney?

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you wish to be represented by an attorney but cannot afford to hire an attorney, you may complete an application for court appointed counsel when you arrive in court.

You may choose to represent yourself in this matter. If you choose to be self-represented, you will be given the opportunity to speak with the Judge and/or the District Attorney's Office about possible resolutions.

Where do I park when I come to court?

Parking is available on the North side of the courthouse with entrances off of N. Kansas Avenue and N. Chestnut. You may also park across the street to the West of the courthouse entering the parking lot from N. Kansas Avenue. Finally, there is a parking garage available for public parking located on Cherry Street between E. Park Street and E. Loula Street.

Will I be able to resolve my case at my first court appearance?

You may be able to resolve your case at the first appearance. You will be given an opportunity to speak with the Judge and/or the District Attorney's Office about options.

Do I have a right to a jury trial?

Yes. If you wish to have your case tried to a jury or to a judge, your case will be assigned to a District Magistrate Judge and set for trial on another date. No trials will be held on this docket.

When I Get to Court can I speak to the Judge?

Yes, you will be given the opportunity to speak to the Judge about your options. No trials will be held on this docket. No evidence may be presented.

Can I speak with someone from the District Attorney's Office about possible plea resolutions?

Yes, you will be given the opportunity to speak with representatives from the District Attorney's Office.

If I arrive without an attorney, can I get a continuance to hire an attorney?

Yes, if you wish to hire legal counsel but have not hired anyone to represent you, you must still appear in court, see the judge to be given a new date and be fingerprinted.

Can I have an attorney appointed to represent me?

Yes, if you wish to have legal representation appointed you must appear before the judge and complete a request for court appointed counsel.

If you qualify, you will receive your attorney's contact information and be given another date to come back to court. You must be fingerprinted before you leave.

Am I required to have an attorney represent me on this case?

No, you are not required to be represented by an attorney. Upon arrival at court, you will be given the opportunity to speak with the judge and/or representatives from the District Attorney's Office to discuss your options. If you are able to reach a satisfactory resolution, you may be able to resolve your case that same day. You are required to be fingerprinted at your first court hearing.

What if I need time to pay my fines and fees assessed by the Court at my hearing?

You must appear in court. If a fine and court costs are assessed, the Court will grant you 90 days to pay. You may make partial payments. Failure to pay assessed fines and fees will result in your balance being sent to a collections agency where additional fees will be added and a lawsuit brought against you. Fees may be paid on-line, by phone, by mail or in-person. Payment information is found here:

https://courts.jocogov.org/e_pay.aspx

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Why am I required to be fingerprinted?

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