

## RIGHT TO HEARING (SEX OFFENDER REPORTING)

The court will hold a hearing to decide if you should be required to register as a sex offender later in your case. This notice is to help you understand what to expect. Your attorney can explain more about the hearing, and answer any questions you may have.

You have been found responsible for a sex offense. The judge will determine which agency will supervise you. The supervising agency will create a treatment plan (also called a "reformation" plan) with you. After you have participated in treatment, and you are getting close to the end of supervision, a hearing will be held. The reason for the hearing is for the judge to decide if you should be required to register as a sex offender. Registration means you have to give the police information about where you live, submit to photographs and fingerprints, and then check in with law enforcement every year, whenever you move, and in some other situations. If you are ordered to register, failing to register or report to law enforcement may result in being charged with a new crime. Also, if you are required to register, the Oregon State Police may share some information about you with other people.

You have the right to have an attorney represent you at the hearing. If you don't have an attorney, you may ask the judge to appoint one for you. At the hearing, the judge will listen to you (if you choose to speak), your attorney, the victim, the district attorney, your juvenile court counselor, and sometimes others. The judge will also read the sex offender evaluations, polygraph examinations, and treatment records in your case. The judge will decide if you are rehabilitated and are not a safety threat to anyone else. There are a number of factors the judge will consider when making this decision. A few of those factors are:

- Have you committed any other crimes?
- Have you taken responsibility for what you did?
- Have you tried to pay the victim's expenses (restitution)?
- Have you participated in, and completed, a treatment program?
- Have you followed the rules the judge or the supervising agency set for you?
- Have you used drugs or alcohol?
- Have you been involved in school or work?

If the court requires you to register, you must register right away. If you do not register, you could be charged with a new crime.

Talk to your attorney if you have any questions about this information. Your attorney's

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