

First 24 Hours After Booking: Family Checklist

A one-page guide by Reed Nolan Legal Education (educational only; not legal advice).

Start here:

- Confirm facility, booking number, and arresting agency.
- Ask when counsel can speak with them.
- Keep group texts factual and brief.

Documents to gather

- Full legal name & DOB, booking or incident number.
- Property receipt, medication info, next court/arraignment date.
- Contacts for counsel and transport; save receipts and call logs.

Communication rules

- Choose a point person for updates; avoid speculation.
- Ask friends to pause social media commentary until after a consult.

Bond/bail

- Ask counsel whether to post now or wait for a hearing.
- Keep all receipts and written conditions.

Further reading

Jail & booking — first 24 hours (reednolanlaw.com) -> <https://reednolanlaw.com/jail-booking-first-24-hours>

Arrest rights — next steps (reednolanlaw.com) -> <https://reednolanlaw.com/arrest-rights-next-steps.html>