

Support SB 563

Dear Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

My name is Abbey Kane and I am a senior at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA. I received a call from the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department stating I had a warrant issued for my arrest. The warrant was for failure to appear for jury duty. I was upset and didn't know what to think. I told my mom and we immediately drove to the courthouse in Annapolis to turn myself in. I was told on the phone to tell the sheriff's office that I was there for a body attachment. The sheriff's office had no paperwork or idea why I was there to turn myself in. Once the paperwork was found, an officer came out and took me in through a door to an office area. The officer then proceeded to say that he had to cuff and shackle me and put me in a cell. I was upset and afraid because I had never experienced anything this. After an hour in the cell, shackled and cuffed, I was lead before the Judge. The Judge ask why I was there, I said failure to appear for jury duty. The Judge then said "It's obviously more than that because of the way you were presented". The circumstances for my arrest was not for a lack of trying to remedy the jury summons. I was away at school and my family had moved. Having said that, I do realize that I broke the law. Once being notified of the warrant, I wasted no time in turning myself in. Did not anticipate the experience I went through. I do believe that being shackled ,handcuffed and put in a cell was excessive. I voluntarily turned myself in with my mom with me, I personally didn't think I was a flight risk. If the officer was truly bound by law to shackle ,handcuff and lock me in cell for the failure to appear for jury duty, then I do believe it should change.

I thank you for your time.

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