**Sylvan Beach Village Court**

**808 Marina Drive, PO Box 580**

**Sylvan Beach, New York 13157**

**315 762 4246**

To: Individuals Charged with Traffic Infractions Pending in the Sylvan Beach Village Court

This court has received an accusatory instrument alleging that you have committed an offense. You are

presumed innocent until proven guilty and you have the right to retain an attorney to represent you now, or at any

stage in these proceedings.

You have various procedural options in the course of bringing this matter to a just disposition. You may

choose to proceed in any of the following manners, or any other legally authorized manner. You may want to

consult an attorney for guidance or representation before determining which course of action you will pursue. The

court may not provide you with a recommendation as to how you should proceed, or as to which of these or any

other options you should choose.

YOU MAY:

**Plead Not Guilty.**

By pleading “Not Guilty” you exercise your right to a public trial at which the People of the State

of New York, represented by the prosecution, must prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that you

have committed the offense alleged in the accusatory instrument. At the trial you will have the

right to hear, see and challenge the evidence submitted to prove your guilt, including, confronting,

by cross-examination , the Police Officer, Peace Officer or other witness or witnesses who testify

against you. You have the right to have witnesses testify on your behalf and you may, but you are

not required to, testify on your own behalf. The court will determine, after hearing all the

evidence submitted at the trial, whether or not the People have proven guilt beyond a reasonable

doubt, and will render an appropriate verdict.

**Plead Guilty as Charged.**

By pleading “Guilty” you waive your right to a trial at which the People of the State of New York,

represented by the prosecution, must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that you committed the

offense alleged in the accusatory instrument. A Plea of Guilty will subject you to sentencing, by

the judge presiding, to any legally authorized sentence. You may withdraw, with the court’s

permission, your plea of guilty at any time prior to sentencing and exercise your right to a trial.

**Communicate with the Appropriate Prosecutorial Office Concerning an Alternative**

**Disposition.**

You may contact the Prosecutor or other official who is responsible for proving the charge or

charges against you and negotiate an agreement to plead guilty to a legally authorized alternate

offense, including a lesser included offense, or a less severe offense or offenses. Any proposed

agreement is subject to approval by the court. Upon a plea of guilty to the agreed-upon offense,

you will be subject to sentencing, by the judge presiding, to any sentence legally authorized to be

imposed for the offense to which you plead guilty.

The prosecutorial office responsible to prove the charge or charges against you alleged in the

accusatory instrument is the Oneida County District Attorney, The address and

telephone number for that office is:

**ONEIDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**235 ELIZABETH STREET**

**UTICA NY 13501**

**315 798 5766**

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