



Sonoma County District Attorney

# CAD Post-Filing Diversion

## Community Accountability Diversion (CAD)

**CALL CAD Post-Filing Diversion  
within 48 hours  
(toll free):1-855-211-0580**

Community Accountability Diversion (CAD) Post-Filing Diversion is an innovative individualized accountability curriculum for adult misdemeanor defendants, which takes the place of traditional court proceedings. CAD Post-Filing Diversion is authorized under Penal Code Section 1001.1, which allows for the postponement of criminal prosecution for certain specified misdemeanors.

The philosophy of CAD Post-Filing Diversion is to address the root causes of a person's criminal involvement. The program goals are to educate defendants in targeted "life skills" and to expose them

to the many available community resources that might assist them in becoming law abiding.

CAD Post-Filing Diversion begins with an individualized Diversion Plan Conference. During this Conference, an in-depth analysis results in a Diversion Plan tailored to the specific needs of the Defendant. A defendant may be referred to community resources for employment, education, drug/alcohol treatment, mental health, and/or any other appropriate community-based service. Successful completion of the program will result in the dismissal of the criminal charges.

## Step by Step; What happens now?

*If you have just accepted CAD Post-Filing Diversion, here are the requirements:*

1. **Call CAD Post-Filing Diversion within 48 hours of your court appearance at (855) 211-0580 and schedule your Diversion Plan Conference or a warrant may be issued for your arrest.**
2. You enroll in the program by attending the Diversion Plan Conference and paying an enrollment fee of \$40. You must complete the enrollment two weeks prior to your next court appearance. Participation in the program is subject to additional fees.
3. At the Diversion Plan Conference a customized Diversion Plan will be established for you. The Diversion Plan will contain the conditions that you must meet in order to successfully complete the Diversion.
4. The Program length is typically four (4) months and starts upon enrollment (day of your Diversion Plan Conference).
5. You must contact the Program once a month. The schedule for those contacts will be included on your Diversion Plan.

**By completing the  
CAD Post-Filing Diversion  
your case will be dismissed.**