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My Dear Fellow Members:

As most of you are aware, I am, at the direction of Judge Shelia R. Tillerson Adams, still processing the CA docket. The way I handle DUI cases has not changed over the last thirty-two years of handling the docket or indeed over the last forty-one years of my being a judge. However because we've lost certain resources and, as Judge Bill McGrath used to say, the "price of pork chops is up", I thought it to be in order to update my written menu to reflect today's circumstances. Ergo, beginning with the March 10, 2014 cycle...

FIRST OFFENDERS WANTING A PBJ MUST:

Impaired: (Plea to b*)

- a) One night in jail and a \$100.00 fine** or
- b) Traffic school*** and a \$200.00 fine or
- c) A \$500.00 fine.

Under the Influence, .08-.19: (Plea to a)

- a) One night in jail and a \$100.00 fine**
- b) Traffic school*** and a \$500.00 fine or
- c) A \$1,000.00 fine.

Under the Influence, .20-.29: (Plea to a)

- a) Two nights in jail and a \$100.00 fine** or
- b) A \$1,000.00 fine.

Under the Influence, .30 and up: (Plea to a)

- a) Five days in jail or
- b) Completion of the 28 day Calvert County DWI program. ****

SUBSEQUENT OFFENDER *** WITHIN TEN YEARS: (On plea all are found guilty)**

- a) 2nd offense-- 6 months in jail, all but 7 consecutive days suspended.
- b) 2nd offense--30 days in jail, all but 7 consecutive days suspended.

- a) 3rd offense--6 months in jail all but 14 consecutive days suspended.
- b) 3rd offense--30 days in jail all but 14 consecutive days suspended.

- c) 4th or more offense, one half of the stated maximum in jail

All cases come with court costs assessed, which at this writing adds \$145.00 to your client's fees.

All probationary periods are for one year, unpapered and unsupervised.

I remember having varied from this menu in '82. It would be a serious mistake for counsel to rely on my repeating this conduct.

As always, I honor all agreements between state and defense. Such agreements always take precedence over my menu.

Trusting this finds each of you in good health and spirits, I am,

Very truly yours,

Vincent J. Femia

The parade of stars:

- * A no-blow is a b.
- ** A client who goes directly from the courtroom or has previously spent the night(s) in jail will have the fine and costs waived.
- *** I will accept as "traffic school" the county run school or any other AOC approved program of driver improvement or alcohol awareness.
- **** I will accept any AOC approved residential treatment program with a duration of 28 or more days.

P.S. I want to remind counsel that I need an executed "Waiver of Rights" form (available on counsels' table from each defendant offering a plea to a jailable offense. Thanks.

P.S.S. Also I want to remind counsel that if you are asking for a BW recall or a continuance before me and the intended resetting date will take the case beyond Hicks, I must have Hicks waiver (also available on counsels' table) *executed by the client*. And again, I thank you.