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Notice from the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador

The [Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador](#) has issued a Practice Note to ensure that Judicial Interim Release (Bail) Hearings are conducted as quickly as possible, while still allowing parties time to prepare. The practice is intended to make court time available for those ready to proceed. To achieve this, the following changes will be applied to Bail Court in St. John's, Grand Falls-Windsor, and Stephenville:

- In-custody individuals normally appearing in these courts will appear at St. John's Provincial Court, or virtually if outside St. John's.
- Accused persons may consult duty counsel or private counsel.
- Bail Hearings will have scheduled time slots and may be requested at any stage.
- First appearances allow the accused to set a Bail Hearing, request one status appearance, or consent to remand.
- These changes will not delay criminal proceedings, and Weekend and Statutory Holiday (WASH) Court is unaffected.

Read the full notice [here](#).



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