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Middlesex Vicinage to Hold Criminal Justice Reform Outreach Session

The Middlesex Vicinage will host a criminal justice reform outreach session on Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Brunswick Public Library, 60 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick.

The event will provide information about changes to the criminal justice system that went into effect on Jan. 1.

Judges, court representatives, public defenders and the private bar are scheduled to participate in this interactive session.

Under the changes, New Jersey's criminal justice system was transformed from one that relies principally on monetary bail as a condition of pretrial release to a risk-based system that bases pretrial release decisions on an examination of objective factors.

The new system allows defendants who present a risk of violence to be held without bail, while low-risk defendants are released under appropriate levels of monitoring and supervision awaiting trial. The new law also sets deadlines for the filing of indictments and the disposition of criminal charges for incarcerated defendants.

The session is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required but are suggested. Individual cases will not be discussed. For more information, contact Luis Hernandez at 732-519-3344 or Luis.Hernandez@njcourts.gov.

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