

Hanover General District Court: Continuance Policy

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The following cases, after being set for trial, may be continued on agreement of Defendant and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. If there is no agreement, by the Judge on motion (in court):

- Traffic accidents involving fatalities
- Traffic cases where Commonwealth Attorney is involved as requested by officers
- All arraigned criminal cases including DUI, Felonies and Class 1 and 2 Misdemeanors
- Citizen warrants (with or without attorneys)
- Cross warrants (with or without attorneys)
- Class 1 and 2 Misdemeanors and Felonies for the following dockets: Animal Control, Game Warden, Forestry and Fire Code

If an attorney is retained and wishes to set a trial date before the arraignment date, the trial date would be set through the Clerk's office. The attorney must send the court a letter stating he/she has been retained and request the date provided by the Clerk's office.

The following cases, after being set for trial, may be continued on agreement of Defendant and the County Attorney's Office. If there is no agreement, by the Judge on motion (in court):

- Zoning and Building Code violations (with or without attorneys)
- Environmental Violations

Cases that do not involve the Commonwealth's Attorney or County Attorney offices may be continued on agreement of Defendant and the Clerk's office. If there is no agreement, by the Judge on motion (in court):

- All requests for continuances of accident cases with witnesses (by attorney or defendant) can be processed up to 4:00pm two days before the court date.
- All other continuance requests must be received by 3:00pm on the day before the court date. Attorney continuance requests must be received in writing.
- Defendant continuance requests can be processed by phone, mail or fax until 3:00pm on the day before the court date. Defendants are allowed only 1 (one) continuance.