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INFORMATION SHEET

Pursuant to P.A. 19-59, the Division of Public Defender Services will provide representation for individuals in parole revocation proceedings through the new Parole Revocation Unit (PRU). This office will be primarily responsible for appearing before the Board of Pardons and Paroles on behalf of clients facing parole and special parole violation hearings. PRU does not handle "transitional supervision" or other community release program rescission hearings.

There are three main types of parole/special parole violations:

1. **Technical violations** involve allegations that the parolee has not complied with one or more conditions of parole. Examples include positive drug tests, noncompliance with treatment program requirements, missed parole supervision appointments, etc.
2. **Absconders** are individuals who have left approved residential placements without permission. Absconding is considered a technical violation but absconder hearings entail distinct hearing procedures in certain situations.
3. **Criminal violations** are those stemming from newly charged criminal and/or motor vehicle offenses.

Any parolee who has received a "Notice of Parole Violation" form from his/her parole officer may apply for representation by the Parole Revocation Unit of the Office of the Public Defender. Parolees may apply either through the Public Defender field office that's handling the parolee's new criminal/motor vehicle matters or, in the case of technical violations, the parolee should contact PRU directly at (203) 596-4370 to request an application packet.

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