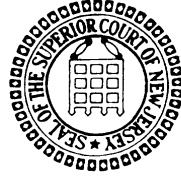


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## **Monmouth Vicinage to Host Criminal Justice Reform Community Forum**

The Monmouth Vicinage will host a criminal justice reform community forum on Thursday, June 15 at 6 p.m. at Bucky James Community Center, 231 Wilbur Ray Ave., Long Branch.

The program will be held in partnership with the Long Branch Housing Authority.

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

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.

Representatives from the vicinage, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Monmouth County Office of the Public Defender will be in attendance.

The program is free and open to the public. Reservations will be accepted but are not required. For more information, to reserve space, or request an interpreter, please call the Office of the Ombudsman at 732-677-4595.

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