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## **Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage to Hold Criminal Justice Reform Outreach Session**

The Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage will host a criminal justice reform information session on Monday, Jan. 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gloucester County Library, 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill.

The event will provide information about changes to the criminal justice system that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

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 until trial, while low-risk defendants are released under appropriate levels of monitoring and supervision while 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. Individual cases will not be discussed. For more information, contact Vanessa Cardwell at 856-575-5244 or [Vanessa.cardwell@njcourts.gov](mailto:Vanessa.cardwell@njcourts.gov).

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