

Rule 10. Initial Hearings

(a) Generally. At the initial hearing the respondent shall be informed of the respondent's right to counsel, that the judicial officer will appoint counsel if the respondent is unable to obtain counsel, that the respondent is not required to make a statement and that any statement made by the respondent may be used against the respondent. The petition shall be read to the respondent or the substance of the charges stated to the respondent. The respondent shall be given a copy of the petition before being called upon to plead. If the respondent refuses or is unable to plead, the judicial officer shall enter a plea of not guilty. If a plea of not guilty is entered, the judicial officer shall set a date for a status hearing. If the respondent enters a plea of guilty in the manner set forth in SCR-Juvenile 11, the judicial officer shall set a date for a disposition hearing unless both parties consent to an immediate disposition.

(b) Pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-2308. Upon entry of a plea of not guilty in a case where the respondent was released prior to the filing of the petition, the judicial officer shall set conditions, if any, of release.

(c) Pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-2312. Upon entry of a plea of not guilty in a case where the respondent was not released prior to the filing of a petition, the judicial officer shall evaluate the need for continued detention or shelter care in accordance with D.C. Code § 16-2312 and SCR-Juvenile 106.