

Rule 542. CONTINUANCES OF PRELIMINARY HEARINGS BEFORE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES.

All Preliminary Hearings shall be initially scheduled before Magisterial District Judges consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Thereafter, a Magisterial District Judge may grant a continuance of the Preliminary Hearing upon request of either the Commonwealth or the defendant. However, in order to allow cases to flow as quickly as possible through the system, such continuances shall be limited to the minimum time period necessary and should not result in a Preliminary Hearing being held more than thirty (30) days from the date when the Preliminary Hearing was first scheduled.