

Throughout this section, the word "inquiry" is substituted for the former repetitive phrases "examination or inquiry" and "investigation or inquiry".

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the word "person" is substituted for the former word "witnesses", for consistency and clarity.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the phrase "and affirmations", which formerly followed "oaths", is deleted as unnecessary in light of Article 1, § 9 of the Code.

In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the phrase "fails to testify or comply with a request of the State's Attorney" is substituted for the former word "contumacy", for clarity and simplicity.

In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the word "may" is substituted for the former word "shall", since whether a court punishes a witness found to be in contempt is within the discretion of the court.

Defined terms: "Complaint" § 5-1001
 "County" § 1-101 "Summons" § 1-101

5-1020. NOTICE TO ALLEGED FATHER.

BEFORE THE STATE'S ATTORNEY CONDUCTS A PRETRIAL INQUIRY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL NOTIFY THE ALLEGED FATHER IN WRITING OF:

(1) THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE INQUIRY;

(2) HIS RIGHT TO APPEAR AT THE INQUIRY AND TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OR INFORMATION THAT RELATES TO THE INQUIRY; AND

(3) HIS RIGHT TO TESTIFY IN HIS OWN BEHALF BEFORE THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, IF THE ALLEGED FATHER:

(I) NOTIFIES THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OF THE ALLEGED FATHER'S DESIRE TO TESTIFY; AND

(II) SIGNS A WAIVER THAT PERMITS HIS TESTIMONY TO BE USED AGAINST HIM IN THE PATERNITY PROCEEDING.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the first sentence of former Article 16, § 66D(b).

The introductory clause, which relates to the notice being given before the pretrial inquiry, is new language added for clarity.