

*Section 466 (Receiving Stolen Goods)**Section 551A (Shoplifting)*

(3) **Preliminary Hearings.** The District Court shall also have jurisdiction to conduct hearings in felony cases to determine if the defendant shall be held for action of the grand jury.

(4) **Concurrent and Exclusive Jurisdiction.** In any case described in paragraphs 1 or 2 of Subsection (b) hereof in which the penalty may be confinement of three (3) years or more or a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) or more, the District Court and the Circuit Court, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore, if the offense allegedly occurred in that city, shall have concurrent jurisdiction, but in all other cases the District Court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction. If any person is charged with an offense or offenses within the jurisdiction of the District Court, and also an offense or offenses not within the jurisdiction of that [the] Court arising out of the same circumstances, the person shall be originally proceeded against in the Circuit Court in the county within which the offense or offenses were ARE alleged to have been committed, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore if the offense or offenses are alleged to have occurred within the city, and such court shall have jurisdiction over each such offense.

(5) Venue.

(i) Each District Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine cases involving [violations] *the matters* described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection (b) hereof committed within each respective district provided that within each district the defendant shall be tried within the county in which the crime or offense was committed or in the City of Baltimore, if the offense was committed therein, and unless the case is lawfully removed.

(ii) In every case described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection (b) hereof, the defendant shall have a right at any time *prior to trial* prior to trial to demand a trial by jury *if the punishment for the particular offense with which he is charged permits imprisonment for a period in excess of 3 months.* [in which case] *If a right to jury trial exists and such a trial is demanded by the defendant the matter shall be removed for trial to the Circuit Court in the county in which the alleged offense occurred or to the Criminal Court of Baltimore if the alleged offense occurred in that city [therein]. The State may not demand a jury trial in any criminal or traffic case.*

(6) Warrants, Bond, Bail.

(i) ~~Each~~ EVERY District Court judge shall have the power to issue warrants of arrest and warrants for search and seizure or for interception of communications, when and in the manner authorized by law; and he shall have the power to set bond or bail or to release on *personal recognizance*, bond, personal or otherwise, to commit to jail in default of bond, to forfeit bonds upon failure of the defendant to meet the conditions of the bond and to exercise all of the powers of Justices of the Peace under the Constitution of 1867.

(ii) *In the District Court, in all criminal or motor TRAFFIC violations for which bond has been set, a defendant or a private surety acting in his behalf may post the bond by executing it in the*