ARRAIGNMENT

- 1. [Announce case]
- 2. [To defendant] The proceeding today is your arraignment. The purpose of the arraignment is to take your plea in connection with an indictment returned against you by the grand jury.
- 3. [To defense counsel] Have you received the indictment and reviewed it with the defendant?
- [To defendant] You have been charged in a ____ count indictment with _____, in violation of [applicable statute].
- 5. Should you be convicted, the maximum penalty provided by law is ______.
- 6. [To AUSA] Are you prepared to proceed with the arraignment?
- 7. [To defense counsel] Are you prepared to proceed with the arraignment?

- 8. [To defendant] Are you _____, named as the defendant in the indictment?
- 9. Do you authorize your counsel to speak and act for you in this proceeding?
- 10. [To defense counsel] Are you satisfied that the defendant understands the charge(s) against him in the indictment together with the maximum penalties the court may impose upon conviction?
- 11. Is the defendant prepared to plead at this time?
- 12. Is a full reading of the indictment waived?
- 13. [To Clerk] The Clerk may proceed.
- 14. [Clerk: _____, you are charged in a ____ count indictment with _____. How do you plead, guilty or not guilty? The defendant pleads not guilty.]
- 15. The defendant's plea of not guilty is accepted and the matter is continued for trial. [Review procedural order]