

RULE [88] 458. DISMISSAL IN SUMMARY CASES UPON SATISFACTION OR AGREEMENT.

(A) When a defendant is charged with a summary offense, the issuing authority may dismiss the case upon a showing that:

- (1) the public interest will not be adversely affected;
- (2) the attorney for the Commonwealth, or in cases in which no attorney for the Commonwealth is present at the summary proceeding, the affiant, consents to the dismissal;
- (3) satisfaction has been made to the aggrieved person or there is an agreement that satisfaction will be made to the aggrieved person; and
- (4) there is an agreement as to who shall pay the costs.

(B) When an issuing authority dismisses a case pursuant to paragraph (A), the issuing authority shall record the dismissal on the transcript.

COMMENT: This rule permits an issuing authority to dismiss a summary case when the provisions of paragraph (A) are satisfied.

Paragraphs (A)(1) through (4) set forth those criteria that a defendant must satisfy before the issuing authority has the discretion to dismiss the case under this rule.

The requirement in paragraph (A)(2) that, when the attorney for the Commonwealth is present at the summary proceeding, he or she must consent to the dismissal, is one of the criteria, along with the other enumerated criteria, which gives the issuing authority discretion to dismiss a case under this rule, even when the affiant refuses to consent.

The requirement in paragraph (B) that the issuing authority include in the transcript of the case the fact that he or she dismissed the case is intended to ensure that an adequate record is made of any dismissals under this rule.

For dismissal upon satisfaction or agreement in a court case charging a misdemeanor **[which] that** is pending before an issuing authority, see Rule **[145] 546**.

For dismissal upon satisfaction or agreement by a judge of the court of common pleas, see Rule **[314] 586**.

NOTE: **Rule 88 [A]** adopted April 18, 1997, effective July 1, 1997 **[.] ; renumbered Rule 458 and Comment revised March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001.**

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COMMITTEE EXPLANATORY REPORTS:

Final Report explaining the provisions of new Rule 88 published with the Court's Order at 27 Pa.B. 2119 (May 3, 1997).

Final Report explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court's Order at Pa.B. _____, 2000).