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PUBLIC SAFETY

JUDICIAL PROCESS

Several status and pretrial hearings will take place during this process. No timeline can be guaranteed.

SUSPECT INTERVIEW

Victim is notified before and after the interview takes place

On and off-campus resources available throughout the process, regardless of participation.

Suspect arrested after interview?

YES

ARRESTED

Suspect booked into jail with the possibility of posting bail and being released

Bail Posted?

NO

YES

BAIL POSTED

Suspect released from jail and guarantees court attendance

BAIL NOT POSTED

Initial court date (arraignment) set where judge determines if bail continues or modifies release agreement

NO

NOT ARRESTED

Suspect released after interview

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW

Full case sent to Cache County Attorney's Office for screening

APPROVED

Burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt is met; charges filed into the courts and pre-trial arranged

DECLINED

Burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt not met and charges not filed

Insufficient Probable Cause

CASE ENDS

PRELIMINARY HEARING

State presents evidence to show the existence of sufficient probable cause for a trial. Defendant can waive this hearing, acknowledging the state has enough evidence to proceed to trial.

PRE-TRIAL

Prosecutor & defense meet to potentially reach plea deal; if plea deal is reached, sentencing can be arranged.

TRIAL

A jury or bench trial where any victim and witnesses may have to testify.

Guilty Verdict?

YES

NO

SENTENCING

A separate date (6 weeks after guilty plea or verdict) from trial where judge announces sentence. Victim can address judge.