

Dates

Lodging of complaint

Recording of the declaration

Written or video

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Evaluation of the case

The prosecution authorizes or denies the complaint

Lack of evidence doesn't mean that they don't believe you

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Laying of charges

The prosecution determines the accusations to be brought before the Court

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First appearance

The accused is informed of the charge or charges brought against him

This is the first time the accused must appear before a judge. He can plead guilty to the charges at any time

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Bail hearing

The judge determines if the accused remains in custody or if he is released with conditions (commitment to appear)

If the accused doesn't comply with the conditions, you can notify the police

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Disclosure of evidence

The prosecution is obligated to divulge all of the evidence to the defence

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Orientation/Declaration

The defence studies the evidence and makes the decision regarding the subsequent proceedings

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Preliminary inquiry

At this stage, it is determined if the evidence is sufficient or not for the accused to stand trial

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Trial

This is the stage when both parties have to present their evidence

At this point, a judge can be seized of the file

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Verdict

Decision of the judge: the accused is declared guilty as charged or is acquitted

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Sentence

Following each party's sentencing recommendations, the judge renders a sentence

If you have completed a victim impact statement relating the consequences of the crime and a statement on restitution, this is when it is submitted to the judge

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