



Offenders commit the crimes

Decisions Prior to Criminal Process

Legislature defines behavior as criminal

Victim or other citizen reports the crime

Police Decisions

- ① Police officer dispatched
- ② Officer investigates
- ③ Officer prepares a report
- ④ Detectives follow up
- ⑤ Arrest
- ⑥ Booking

Prosecutor charges suspect with a crime

Prosecutor Decisions

- ① Bail
- ② Appointment of counsel for poor
- ③ Preliminary hearing and/or grand jury review
- ④ Arraignment
- ⑤ Trial or guilty plea
- ⑥ Conviction
- ⑦ Pre-sentence investigation
- ⑧ Sentencing

Court Decisions

- Not arraigned
- Not indicted
- Released on bail
- Suspended sentence
- Acquitted

Corrections Decisions

- Community service
- Fine
- Probation
- Restitution
- Jail
- Prison
- Capital punishment

Exits from criminal justice system

Behavior not defined as criminal

Crime not reported

Police do not arrest

Prosecutor dismisses the case

Prosecutor diverts the case to another social service agency