

# The Criminal Justice System (Felony Cases)

Victim  
Services  
Begin

• **A crime is committed.**

• Law enforcement is notified.

• An investigation is conducted. Evidence is gathered and witnesses are interviewed (including victims).

• The initial investigation is completed.

• The suspect is arrested.

• The case is evaluated by a Prosecutor.

• The preliminary hearing is held. The victim and other witnesses may be required to testify. The judge decides if there is enough evidence to conduct a trial.

• A Grand Jury hearing is conducted. The victim and other witnesses may be required to testify. The Grand Jury decides if there is enough evidence to conduct a trial.

• Trial in Superior Court. The victim and other witnesses may be required to testify.

• Jury or judge determines the defendant's guilt or innocence based on the evidence presented.

• A probation officer completes a presentence report for the court. A victim's statement should be included.

• **The defendant is sentenced, if found guilty. Victim Impact Statement may be presented.**

## LOCATIONS

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### Juvenile Office

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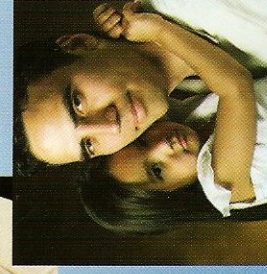
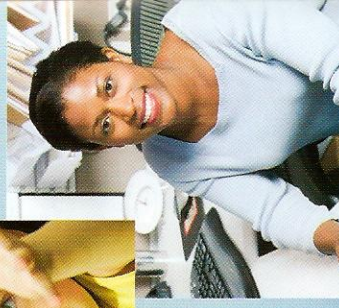
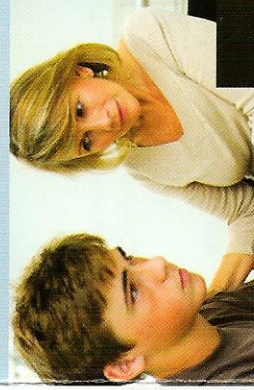
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