

The Language of Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court

The purposes and procedures of the juvenile justice system are different in many respects from those of the adult criminal system. Those differences are reflected in the terminology of the two systems.

Adult Criminal System Terminology

1. Defendant
2. Crime
3. Arrest
4. Order for Arrest
5. Warrant or Indictment
6. Trial
7. Convict (verb)
8. Conviction
9. Guilty Plea
10. Not Guilty Plea
11. Plea Transcript
12. Prior Conviction
13. Prior Record Level
14. Sentencing Hearing
15. Pre-Sentencing Report
16. Sentence
17. Sentencing Grid
18. Probation Officer
19. Extradition
20. Motion for Appropriate Relief
21. Jail
22. Prison

Juvenile Justice Terminology

- Juvenile *or* Respondent
- Delinquent Act
- Take into Custody *or*
Temporary Custody
- Secure Custody Order
- Petition
- Adjudicatory Hearing
- Adjudicate Delinquent
- Adjudication
- Admission
- Denial
- Transcript of Admission
- Prior Adjudication
- Delinquency History Level
- Dispositional Hearing
- Predisposition Report
- Disposition
- Dispositional Chart
- Juvenile Court Counselor
- Proceeding under the Interstate
Compact on Juveniles
- Motion for Review
- Detention Facility
- Youth Development Center