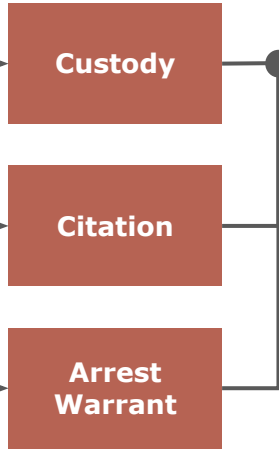


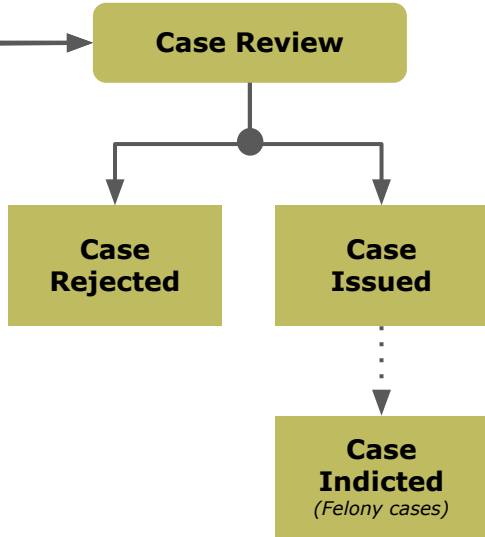


**Police**      **Case Referral**      **Prosecution**      **Disposition**      **Sentencing**

**Police Encounter**

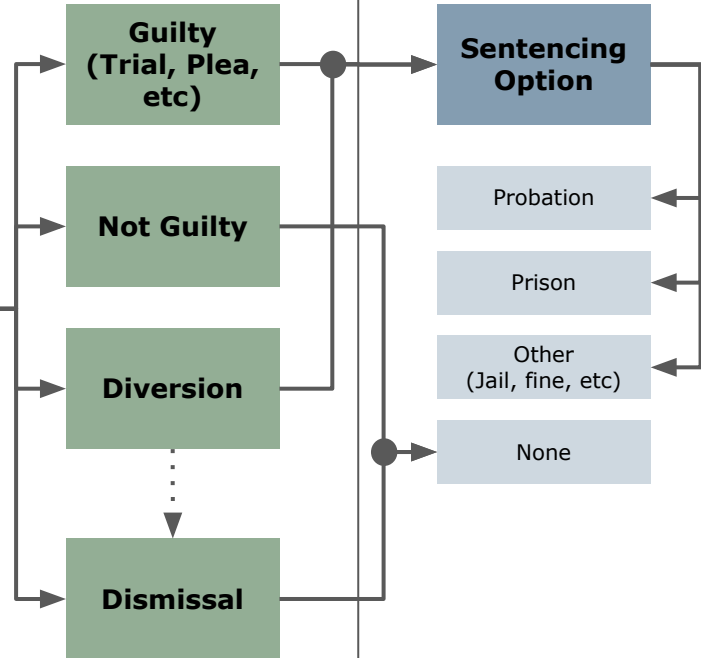


Cases are referred to MCDA in three general categories: custody (booked into jail); citation (in lieu of booking); and arrest warrant (issued by agent of Court).



The Deputy District Attorney reviews information from law enforcement and determines if the case should be prosecuted.

All felony-level cases are presented to a grand jury who makes the decision to indict a case.



Cases eventually reach a resolution. If convicted, the defendant is sentenced.

The Court imposes a sentence based on a variety of factors.

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