

HOW A CRIME BECOMES A CASE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY



An incident occurs and it's reported to the police.



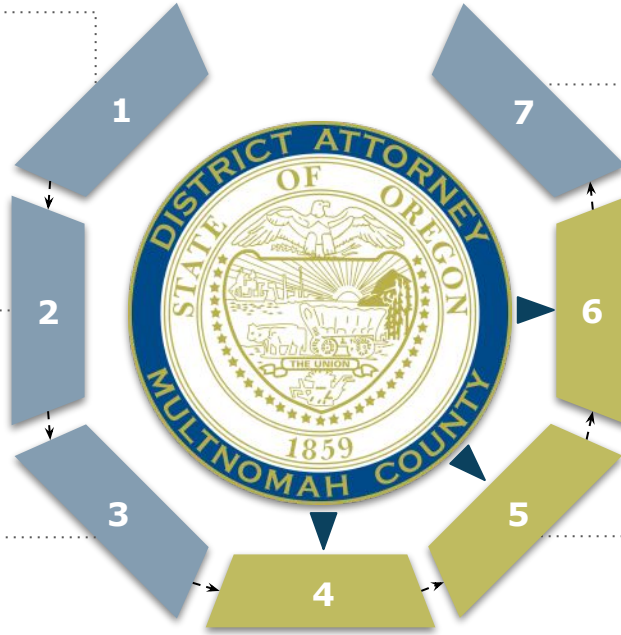
Police investigate, identify suspects, and make an arrest.



Arrested individuals are booked into the Multnomah County Jail.



The DA's office reviews charges and files cases, Issued cases are heard (arraigned) before a Judge.



Those not sentenced to probation are sentenced to prison or jail. Afterwards they are transitioned into community supervision.



Many defendants are sentenced to community supervision.



Defendants are found guilty, not guilty, enter into a diversion program, and/or have charges dismissed.

ROLE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT EACH POINT

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The DA's Office is not involved at this point.

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The DA does not control if or who the police arrest.

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The DA does not decide who stays in jail.

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The DA decides if a case is prosecuted.

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The DA works on any plea bargain and trial, and requests penalties.

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The DA recommends sanctions on people who break probation.

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The DA's Office is not involved at this point.