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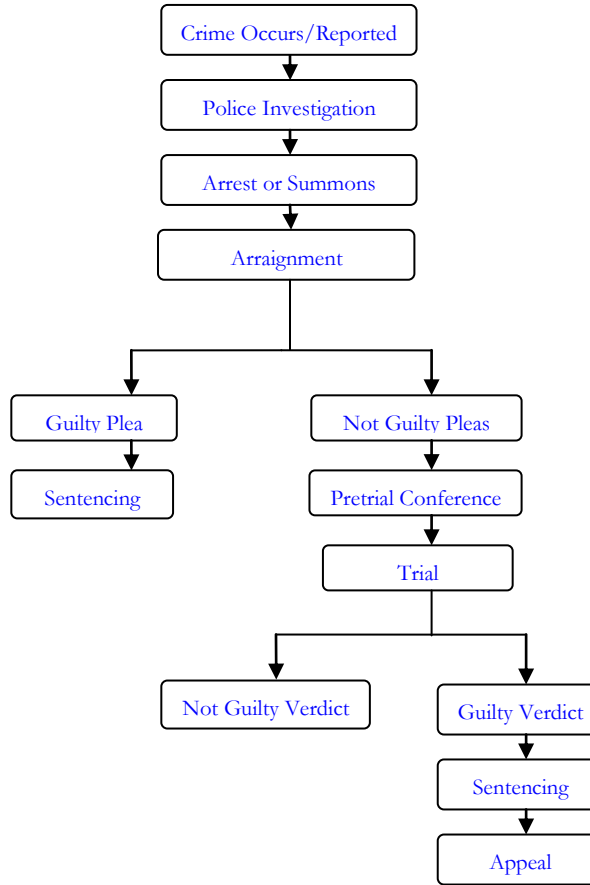
VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) is a free, anonymous, computer-based service that provides anyone with offender custody status information and notification of a change of custody. To register for VINE call: **1-800-770-0192**, or visit www.VINELink.com

WHO ELSE CAN HELP?

The **Ohio Domestic Network** is a statewide program that involves programs, supportive agencies and concerned individuals that are trying to eliminate Domestic Violence. They can be reached at **1-800-934-9840** or at www.odvn.org

The **Domestic Violence Shelter** has been serving the area since 1979. The shelter offers a **24hour crisis line 800-931-SAFE (7233)**. They can also be contacted at **(419) 774-5840** or on the web at www.thedvs1_helter.com.

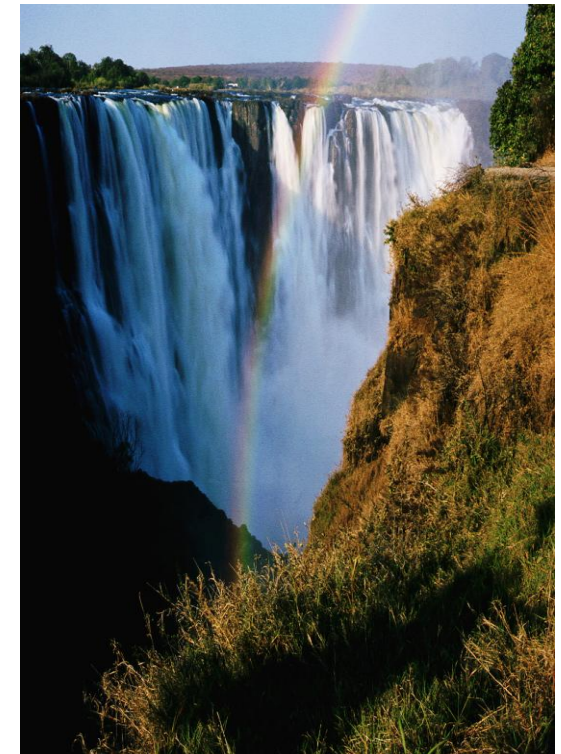
Criminal Justice Stages
(Misdemeanor Crime)



IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE IN DANGER CALL 9-1-1

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT AS VICTIM ADVOCATES

We are a team dedicated to providing the highest quality of professional service to positively impact the citizens we proudly serve. As a court advocate we are here to provide support to any victim(s) of a crime with confidentiality, concern and respect. Our office deals mainly with misdemeanor cases of domestic violence. If you or someone you know has questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office at **(419) 755-9667**. As for felony cases, an advocate may be reached in the County Prosecutor's Office at **(419) 774-5676**.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US AS AN ADVOCATE

- We are here to explain and help victims navigate through the criminal justice system (diagram on back).
- To provide input into decisions made about a case.
- To provide resources and references available for the victim(s).
- To provide a voice for the victim in the criminal justice system.
- To provide information about obtaining Protection Orders.
- To provide information about VINE.
- To provide information about the Victims of Crime Application (financial assistance).

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NO CONTACT ORDER AND A PROTECTION ORDER?

On each and every domestic violence charge filed through our office there is a “*no contact order*” that is automatically put in place by the magistrate as a condition of the defendant's bond. Many listed victims may feel that an additional protection is needed. These protection orders are as follows: A Temporary Protection Order (TPO): is granted only through the criminal courts when a criminal charge is filed. After the completion of that case, a TPO is no longer valid. In addition, there is a Civil Protection Order (CPO): A CPO can be valid for up to five years. A CPO is only granted through Domestic Relations Court. For further questions about obtaining a CPO you may directly contact the Richland County Domestic Relations Court at **(419) 774-5573**.

SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP

There are many signs of an abusive relationship. The most significant sign is fear of your partner. Other signs may include a partner who belittles you or tries to control you, and a feeling of helplessness and/or desperation. To determine whether your relationship is abusive, answer the questions below. The more “*yes*” answers, the more likely it is that you're in an abusive relationship.

DO YOU:

- Feel afraid of your partner much of the time?
- Avoid certain topics out of fear of angering your partner?
- Feel that you can't do anything right for your partner?

- Believe that you deserve to be hurt or mistreated by your partner?
- Wonder if you're the one who is crazy?
- Feel emotionally numb or helpless?

DOES YOUR PARTNER:

- Have a bad or unpredictable temper?
- Hurt you, or threaten to hurt or kill you?
- Threaten to take your children away or harm them?
- Threaten to commit suicide if you leave?
- Destroy your belongings?
- Humiliate, criticize, or yell at you?
- Treat you so badly that you're embarrassed for your friends or family to see?
- Blame you for his abusive behavior?
- See you as a property or a sex object, rather than as a person?
- Acts excessively jealous and possessive?
- Control where you go, what you do and constantly check up on you?
- Keep you from seeing your friends and family?
- Limit your access to money, the phone or the car?