



CRIME COMMITTED

In presence of Law Enforcement

Victim / Witness reports to Law Enforcement

Investigation by Law Enforcement

ARREST
Upon a finding of "Probable Cause" by Law Enforcement office that crime has been committed.

NO ARREST

MAGISTRATED
Accused Admonished as to charges that he/she was arrested for

Law Enforcement sends Investigative Report to Criminal District Attorney

Criminal District Attorney requests Supplemental Investigation

Case Reviewed by Criminal District Attorney

Case "Rejected" by Criminal District Attorney
(CASE CLOSED)

Case "Accepted" by Criminal District Attorney

FELONY
Criminal District Attorney presents case to a Comal County Grand Jury (Secret Proceeding)

TRUE BILL OF INDICTMENT
Grand Jury believes "Sufficient Evidence" exists for a return of an indictment

NO BILL OF INDICTMENT
Grand Jury does not believe "Sufficient Evidence" exists for a felony indictment.
(CASE CLOSED)

MISDEMEANOR
Criminal District Attorney files criminal case in County Court at Law #1 & #2 docket (Hon. Randy Gray) (Hon. Charles Stephens)

Felony Indictment is filed in District Court docket (207th Hon. Jack Robison) (433rd Hon. Dib Waldrip) (274th Hon. Gary Steel) (22nd Hon. Charles Ramsey)

ARRAIGNMENT
Judge Admonishes Defendant of the Formal Legal Accusations brought against him or her.

Criminal District Attorney usually provides a Plea Bargain Offer to Defendant

DEF. PLEAS "NOT GUILTY"

DEF. PLEAS "GUILTY"

PRE-TRIAL
Court hears evidentiary, non-evidentiary and other legal matters between the State and the Defense

SENTENCING TRIAL BY JURY OR JUDGE
Probation
Fine - up to \$4,000 (M) \$10,000 (Fel.)
County Jail - Misdemeanors (up to 1 year)
State Jail - S.J. Felonies (up to 2 years)
TDC - 3rd, 2nd, 1st. Capital Felonies (2-99 or Life)

TRIAL BY JURY OR JUDGE
The Judge or Jury hears and sees the evidence. The Criminal District Attorney shoulders the burden of proving the case by "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt"

"GUILTY" VERDICT

"NOT GUILTY" VERDICT (ACQUITTAL)

APPEAL
TX. 3rd Court of Appeals (Intermediate)
TX. Court of Criminal Appeals (Highest in Texas)
U.S. Supreme Court (Highest in U.S.)

AFFIRMED (CASE CLOSED)

REVERSED & RENDERED (CASE CLOSED)

REVERSED & REMANDED (NEW TRIAL)