

General Descriptions of Courtroom Procedures

The following are basic descriptions and proceedings that may occur during the course of a criminal prosecution. List is not all inclusive.

ARRAIGNMENT

The initial court appearance before a judge when the defendant is informed of the formal charges and is required to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty. If a not guilty plea is entered, a pre-trial conference or trial will be scheduled.

PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

A court setting where the prosecutor and the defendant/defense attorney meet to discuss whether the case can be resolved by a plea agreement. There may be multiple pre-trial conferences in a case before the matter is resolved through a plea agreement or set to trial.

PLEA AGREEMENT

An agreement between the prosecutor and the defendant in which the defendant agree to plead guilty.

CONTINUANCE

Delays are common at all stages of the criminal justice process. Continuances are legal postponements of scheduled proceedings and may occur without warning.

RELEASE CONDITIONS

Set by the judge during the initial appearance or arraignment. These conditions establish a guideline that the defendant must abide by after his or her release from custody. Order to not contact a victim or not return to the location of the crime are frequent guidelines.

TRIAL

A court proceeding where testimony is presented to a judge or a jury to determine if the defendants is guilty of committing the crime. The victim and witnesses may be subpoenaed/summoned.

SENTENCING

A sentencing may occur on the same day the defendant pleads guilty or is found guilty at trial. The court may also continue sentencing to a future date. The victim has the right to be heard regarding sentencing and to submit an impact statement at this time.

RESTITUTION HEARING

The victim must be present and provide documentation of financial loss which is directly related to the charge. The victim may be asked to give testimony regarding restitution.

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Emergency Response
911

Tribal Police Dispatch:
PBPB Reservation 785-966-3024
Kickapoo Reservation 785-486-3665

Fire Department: PBPB 785-966-2164
Kickapoo 785-486-2839

YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment
24-hour helpline: 1-888-822-2983

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
1-888-373-7888

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline
1-866-331-9474

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

See something,

Say something.

Speak up and speak out..



Tribal Victim Services

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TERMINOLOGY

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Family violence/abuse is a pattern of behaviors used to control another person. Abuse can be either emotional, physical, or sexual. Battering can be a punch, hit, kick or a severe beating that sometimes results in death. Battering can be done by anyone including strangers, boyfriends, girlfriends, husbands, wives, lovers and other relatives

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault can be defined as ANY forced sexual contact: an incident that involves sexual contact that is forced on someone. Sexual assault or rape has very little to do with sex, rather, its a crime of power and control where sex if the weapon used against an individual.

STALKING

Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. A stalker does not care what age, gender or race, a stalker is a predator and looking for prey. It is a crime.

CRIME

Crime can impact individuals, families, and communities. Crime can include: burglary, identity theft, assault, and gang violence. Police and emergency responders are trained and ready to assist.



Tribal Victim Services (TVS) provides services to Native American and non-native American victims of a person crime in Jackson County and all adjacent counties. Examples of person crimes: domestic violence, assault, kidnapping, rape, stalking, human trafficking. This list is not all-inclusive. If unsure if we provide service, please call 785-966-8330.

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OUR SERVICES

- **CRISIS INTERVENTION:**
Meet essential needs that are not being met as a result of the crime; information & referrals
- **SAFETY PLANNING:**
Assist with creating a plan to become/remain safe
- **ASSISTANCE WITH COMPLETING & FILING PROTECTION ORDERS**
- **ASSIST WITH CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION APPLICATION**
- **COURTOOM ACCOMPANIMENT**
- **LIAISON WITH COURT & LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- **HEALING THROUGH ART:**
Provides an opportunity to work through trauma/emotions with various types of medias: watercolors, collage projects, basket making, etc.
- **SAFESTAR:**
Sexual assault response team (victims age 16+ living within the PBPN community)
- **SAFE VISIT/SAFE EXCHANGE:**
Assist with providing a safe environment for parent/child visitation and/or child exchange
- **BATTER INTERVENTION PROGRAM:**
Curriculum consists of assessment, orientation, and 29-31 weeks of group sessions. Participants may self-refer or be Court ordered to attend.
- **CRISIS HOTLINE:**
Hotline answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for immediation crisis intervention after hours and on weekends.