

Prosecution Process

- **Offender (UK/ Perpetrator (US))** – an unknown person who has committed a criminal offence
 - **Suspect** – a known person who has committed an offence
 - **Accused (UK)/ Defendant (US)** – the person who is undergoing prosecution
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Prosecution Process

1. Arrest
 2. Caution – “reading of rights”
 3. Interview (witness) / Interrogation (suspect)
 4. Statement (written or verbal)
 5. Charge – a formal accusation of illegal behaviour in reference to the law
 6. Prosecution: in court using witness testimony and evidence
 7. Verdict: Guilty or Not Guilty (Acquitted); occasionally “case not proven”
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Court

- Crown Prosecutor (U.K.) / District or State Attorney (U.S.)
- Solicitor (U.K.) – non-court representation
- Barrister (U.K.) – court representative
- Lawyer, Attorney (U.S.) – legal representative in all fields
- Plaintiff – accuser (civil case)
- Defendant – accused
- Legal Aid – free legal advice and representation provided by the court
- Magistrates’ Court – lower court for civil & minor crime (judged by Magistrate)
- Arbitration Court - mediation
- High Court – upper court (usually by Jury)
- Privy Council (U.K.), Supreme Court (U.S.) – highest legal authority
- Bailiff – court representative to collect fines, serve warrants and maintain order
- Sheriff –
 - a. empowered to impound or seize property and/or vehicles on behalf of the Crown (U.K.)
 - b. elected official of the local town or city council empowered to enforce local and state law within area of responsibility (U.S.)

Pre-Sentencing (criminal)

- Remanded at *Large*
 - Remanded in *Custody*
 - Bail
 - Probation Report
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Penalties

- Verbal Warning
- Probation
- Fine
- Community Service
- Periodic Detention
- Suspended Sentence
- Prison (imprisoned)

Custodial Institutions

- **Interrogation Room** is a secure room where suspects are subject to questioning.
- **Police Holding Cell** is a secure temporary holding room in a police station.
- **Detention/ Remand Centre** is a holding facility for defendants undergoing prosecution.
- **Prison** is a facility where a residential sentence is served.
- **Jail (US)** is County low to medium prison; usually for short term sentences. (UK: Gaol)
- **Penitentiary (US)** is a Federal or State prison, usually medium to maximum security.
- **Correctional Facility** is a general term for a facility where residential and non-residential sentences are served.
- **Borstal/ Juvenile Prison** is a correctional facility for serious or repeating young offenders.

Post-Prison: (criminal/ convict)

- Parole / Remission
- Half-way House
- Probation Officer / Parole Officer