**The Process for a Misdemeanor Case**

*(All hearings are held in Justice Court)*

**The Process for a Gross Misdemeanor or Felony Case**

*(Hearings are held first in Justice Court then in District Court)*

Initial Appearance in Justice Court

*Bail is addressed at this time*

Sentencing

*Victim can make a statement or submit a written statement*

Found Not Guilty:

*Defendant is acquitted*

Jury Trial

*(Victim testifies)*

Found Guilty

The DA’s office receives the case

Between the Arraignment and the preliminary hearing or grand jury, the prosecutor and the defense council will hold **mandatory status conferences** to review discovery and discuss potential negotiations. **Victims have the right to attend, but their attendance is not required.**

Not Guilty Plea

Guilty Plea

Arraignment in District Court

*Defendant Pleads Guilty or Not Guilty*

Preliminary Hearing

*Victim testifies and is cross-examined*

*The judge will determine if there’s enough evidence to have the case bound over to District Court.*

Grand Jury

*Victim testifies*

*If the jury issues an indictment the case continues forward.*

Initial Appearance

*Bail is set at this time*

Between the Arraignment and the bench trial, the Prosecutor and the defense will hold **pre-trial hearings** to review discovery and discuss potential negotiations. **Victims have the right to attend, but their attendance is not required.**

Bench Trial

*Victim testifies*

Sentencing

*Victim can make a statement or submit a written statement*

The DA’s office receives the case