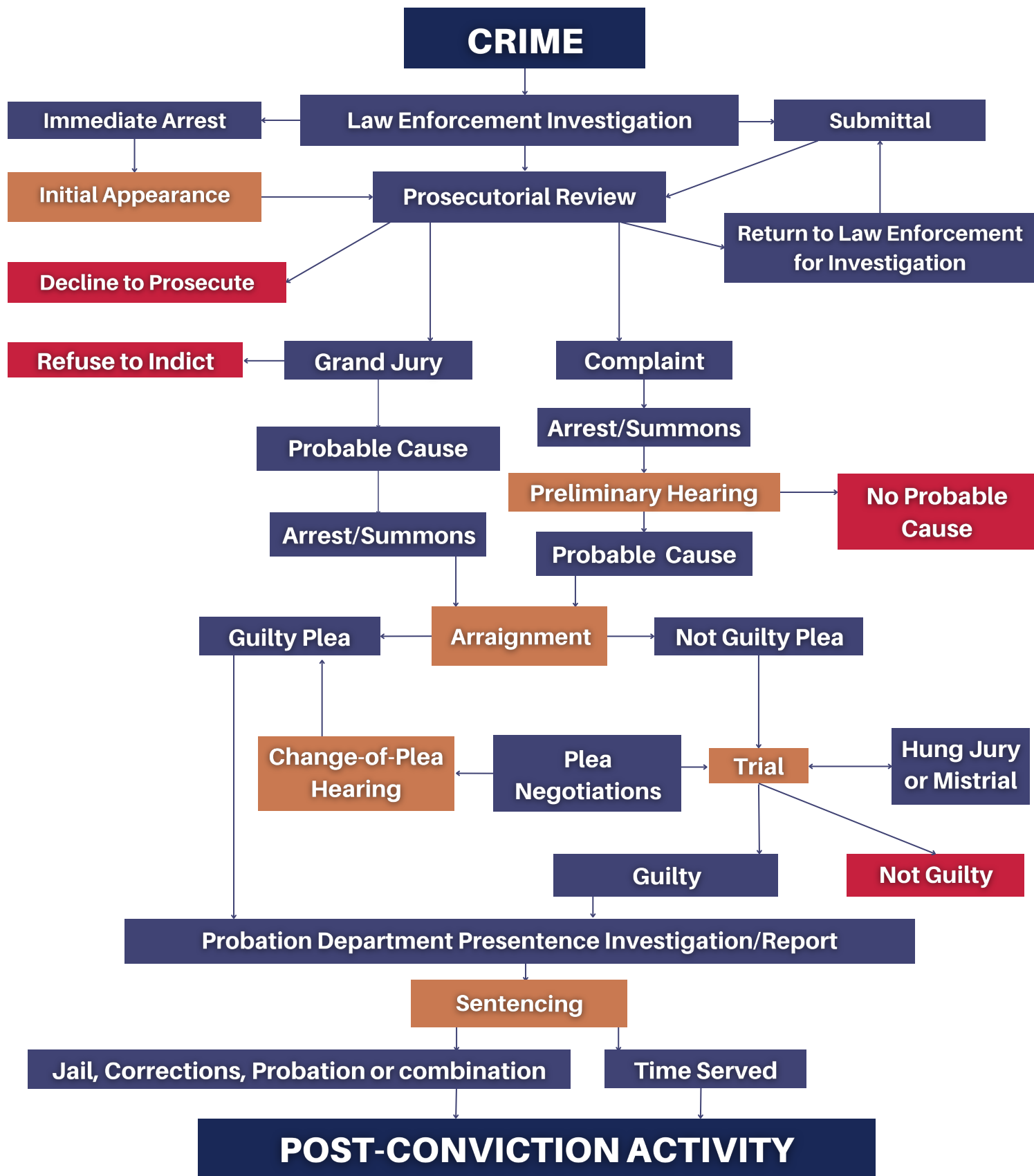




PRE-CONVICTION CRIMINAL JUSTICE CASE FLOW



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Criminal justice process terminates

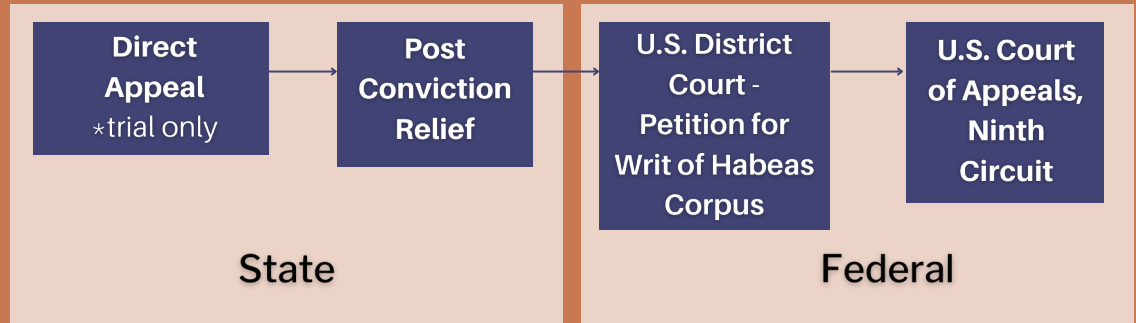


Court proceeding



POST-CONVICTION APPEALS CASE FLOW

ORDER OF APPEALS



Please note that Direct Appeals in felony convictions and Federal Appeals are litigated by the Attorney General’s Office. Petitions for Post-Conviction Relief, other than those filed in capital cases, are litigated by the original prosecuting agency.

APPEALS PROCESS

This is a condensed version of each type of appeal referenced above. The State and Federal systems use different terminology and timelines.

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Notice of Appeal/PCR or Certificate of Appealability

Opening Brief

Answering/Response Brief

*Reply Brief

*Oral Argument or Evidentiary Hearing

Decision

*Petition for Review or Motion for Reconsideration

*Rehearing

*Petition for Writ of Certiorari (U.S. Supreme Court)

Order and Mandate

The Arizona Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court may deny or grant review. If granted, the Court will request supplemental briefs and issue a decision affirming, reversing, or modifying the lower court’s decision.

On request, victims of crimes will be notified of post-conviction or appellate proceedings and any decisions that arise out of the proceedings.