

**Accelerated rehabilitation (AR):**

A program that gives persons charged with a crime or motor vehicle violation for the first time a second chance. The person is placed on probation for a period of time. If the probation is completed satisfactorily, the charges will be dismissed.

**Adjudication:**

A decision or sentence imposed by a judge.

**Adjudication Withheld:**

The court did not give a final judgment regarding this charge. The defendant pled guilty and was given probation and court terms. If the subject complies with court requirements the charge may be dismissed.

**Bail (Bond):**

Money or property given to the court for the temporary release of a defendant, to ensure that the defendant will return to court at the appointed time.

**Bail forfeiture:**

Defendant agreed to post and forfeit part or all of the bond. Costs are distributed as court costs and fines but final disposition is not considered a conviction.

**Bench Warrant:**

Court papers issued by the judge, "from the bench", for the arrest of a person.

**Bond Forfeiture**

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**Conditional Discharge:**

The defendant was not found guilty. The court is discharging the subject with special court conditions. If they do not abide by the court conditions the discharge may be revoked and the finding changed to guilty.

**Dead Docket:**

The charges were dropped and no further action was taken.

**Deferred:**

The subject was given a form of probation, and if court stipulations are met within the probationary period, the charges will be dismissed.

**Dismissed:**

This is a judge's decision to end the case. The subject was not charged with the crime. Reasons for dismissal vary per case.

**Disposition:**

The manner in which a case was settled or resolved.

**Failure to Appear:**

The defendant failed to come to court for a scheduled hearing.

**Guilty Withheld**

The court did not give a final judgment regarding this charge. If the subject complies with court requirements the charge may be dismissed. An affidavit of compliance needs to be filed once all requirements are met.

**Infraction**

A non-criminal violation, usually including a fine which can be paid by mail and usually the person does not have to appear in court.

**Held to Answer**

A judge decided after a preliminary hearing that there was enough evidence against the defendant to proceed to trial. No further information has been filed by the prosecutor. This is commonly seen in Florida.

**Intent not to Prosecute**

The district attorney filed an intent not to prosecute due to lack of evidence, which allows them to open the case at a later date if additional evidence is presented.

**No Billed / No Papered**

The district attorney never sent the case to court and it was not tried.

**Non-suit**

Vacating a case by the court, usually for failure to prosecute.

**Pending**

A final disposition has not been reached regarding this case.

**Prayer for Judgment**

Prosecution was deferred for a period of time set by the court to allow subject time to pay off fines. This is commonly seen in North Carolina.

**Pre-Trial Diversion**

Defendant met conditions of the court prior to the charge being tried in court and the charge was dismissed.

**Pre-Trial Intervention**

The subject was placed in an intervention program before going to trial. Subject complied and charge was dismissed.

**Probation**

Suspended term of incarceration for a period of time set by a judge.

**Probation Before Judgment**

No conviction is entered on record as long as the conditions imposed by the court are met.

**Responsible**

Defendant is not found in guilt but must pay court ordered fines. Commonly seen in non-criminal traffic cases.

**Set Aside**

Defendant pled guilty and was given probation and court requirements. All requirements were completed. Defendant will not be convicted for this case unless he or she reoffends.

**Stet**

State will not prosecute at this time. This case is eligible to re-open for one year if a violation is committed during that time. If no violations occur in a one year period the case will be closed and cannot be re-opened.

**Stricken off Leave**

The case was stricken off the docket with the ability to reinstate at a later date if deemed case can be prosecuted.

**Suspended Imposition of Sentence**

The court suspended the imposition of sentencing. The subject is placed on probation for a period of time set by the court and is subject to re-arrest at any time if court terms are violated. If probation is completed successfully conviction will be set aside.

**Unconditional Discharge**

A sentence in a criminal case in which the defendant is released without imprisonment, probation supervisions, or conditions.

**Withheld Judgment**

No conviction is entered unless the conditions of the withheld judgment are violated. Upon satisfactory completion of a probationary period, the case will be dismissed.