

TIME LINE - MISDEMEANORS

MISDEMEANOR COMMITTED

DEFENDANT CITED AND RELEASED

The defendant is released upon signing
a written promise to appear in court.
PC 853.6

DEFENDANT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY; COMPLAINT MAY BE ISSUED.

The circumstances of the crime or the
condition of the defendant may cause
him/her to be taken into custody.

ARRAIGNMENT ON COMPLAINT

If a complaint is not filed, the citation constitutes
a complaint to which the defendant pleads.
PC 853.9

READINESS CONFERENCE

CHANGE OF PLEA

The defendant enters a guilty plea.
A sentencing date is set.

TRIAL

Within 30 days of arraignment or plea if in custody.
Within 45 days of arraignment of plea if at liberty.
PC 1382(a)(3)

VERDICT

SENTENCING

Not less than 6 hours nor more than 5 days. If
probation considered, not more than 20 court days.
PC 1449

APPEAL

Within 30 days of judgment or order.
CRC 8.782(a)

TIME LINE - FELONY COMPLAINT - LIMITED JURISDICTION

FELONY COMMITTED

ARREST ON A FELONY CHARGE

Complaint must be filed, PC 806

ARRAIGNMENT ON COMPLAINT

Within 48 hours of arrest, PC 825

FELONY READINESS

Approx. 2 days before the
Preliminary Exam Hearing

DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY

Case is certified (transferred)
to General Jurisdiction.
A "Certified Plea."

**CASE IS NOT NEGOTIABLE
PRELIM DATE IS CONFIRMED**

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION HEARING

Within 10 court days
of arraignment, PC 859b

PROBATION HEARING AND SENTENCING

Within 20 court days
of conviction, PC 1191

APPEAL

Within 60 days
of judgment or order, CRC 8.308

**DEFENDANT IS HELD TO ANSWER
TO THE CHARGES IN
GENERAL JURISDICTION**

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PRELIMINARY HEARING FILED

Within 10 days of Preliminary
Exam Hearing, PC 869(e)

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TIME LINE - FELONY COMPLAINT - GENERAL JURISDICTION

INFORMATION FILED

Within 15 days
of Defendant Being Held to Answer.
PC 860; CRC 4.110(1)

ARRAIGNMENT ON INFORMATION

Approx. when Information is filed, CRC 4.110(2)

READINESS CONFERENCE

Within 1-14 days before trial
CRC 4.100(1)(B) and CRC 4.112(a)

DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY

**CASE IS NOT NEGOTIABLE
TRIAL DATE IS CONFIRMED**

TRIAL

Within 60 days of arraignment
PC 1382 (a)(2)

JURY VERDICT

or

COURT DECISION

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APPEAL

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TIME LINE - INDICTMENTS

FELONY COMMITTED

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES CRIME

PC 888 -945
Hearings are in secret

GRAND JURY FINDS A "TRUE BILL" OF INDICTMENT

Indictment filed with the court
Bench Warrant on Indictment issued, PC 978.5

ARREST OCCURS

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