

PROBATION

Probation is a court-ordered period of supervision for individuals who have committed a crime but are not sentenced to prison. It is often used as an alternative to incarceration for first-time offenders or those with minor offenses. Probation officers monitor the individual's behavior, ensure they comply with court orders, and provide support and resources as needed. Failure to comply with probation terms can result in a return to prison.

Probation is typically granted for a period of 1 to 5 years, depending on the severity of the offense and the individual's criminal history. During this period, the individual must adhere to various conditions, such as attending counseling, maintaining employment, and avoiding contact with certain individuals. Probation officers conduct regular check-ins and report any violations to the court.

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