

### PROBATION

Probation is a period of supervision in the community, usually for a period of 12 to 24 months. It is often used as an alternative to imprisonment for first-time offenders or those with minor offenses. The probation officer monitors the offender's behavior and ensures they comply with the conditions of their probation. Failure to comply can result in a return to prison.

### SENTENCES

Sentences are the punishments imposed by the court on a convicted offender. They can range from a fine to a life sentence in prison. The length and type of sentence depend on the severity of the crime and the offender's criminal history. Sentences are designed to punish, deter, and rehabilitate offenders.

### KINGSTON

