

### 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. Probation officers monitor the offender's behavior and ensure they comply with the conditions of their probation, such as attending counseling, maintaining employment, and staying out of trouble with the law. Failure to comply can result in the offender being sent to prison.

### SENTENCES

Sentences are the punishments imposed by a court on a convicted offender. The length and type of sentence depend on the severity of the crime and the offender's criminal history. Sentences can range from a fine or community service to a term of imprisonment. Some offenders may receive a suspended sentence, which means they do not go to prison but are still under court supervision. Sentences are designed to punish, deter, and rehabilitate offenders.

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