

### 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. Failure to comply with probation conditions can result in a return to prison.

Probation is typically granted for a period of 1 to 5 years. During this time, the individual must follow specific rules, such as attending counseling, maintaining employment, and staying out of trouble with the law. Probation officers conduct regular check-ins and report any violations to the court. Successful completion of probation allows the individual to live in the community without further restrictions.

### KINGSTON

