

COURT PROCESS CERTIFICATION CASE

DETENTION HEARING
At this hearing, the judge decides if the juvenile will be staying in detention or leaving detention until the Pre-Trial Conference date. The judge does not determine guilt or innocence at this hearing.

STAY

RELEASE

PRE- TRIAL CONFERENCE
At this hearing, a date is set for the Certification Hearing.

CERTIFICATION HEARING
At this hearing, the DJO will present their recommendation to the Court. The DJO will either recommend to not certify or recommend to certify the juvenile as an adult. The judge does not decide guilt or innocence at this hearing.

NOT CERTIFIED
If the judgement is not to certify the juvenile as an adult, an initial hearing will be set. The juvenile will remain in detention until the date of the initial hearing.

CERTIFIED
If the judgement is to certify the juvenile as an adult, the juvenile will be transferred to the Justice Center within 24 hours of the judge's ruling.

INITIAL HEARING
At this hearing, the juvenile has an opportunity to admit to the charges or deny the charges. If the juvenile admits, the Court will move right into disposition/consequences. If the juvenile denies the allegations, a trial date will be set.

Admit Charges

Deny Charges/
Request Trial

DISPOSITION/
CONSEQUENCES

TRIAL

True/Guilty
If found true, a hearing date will be set for disposition/consequences.

Not True/ Not Guilty
Case is dismissed and youth is released from detention.

