

## SENTENCE POSSIBILITIES

<b><i>Some possible sentences the Court could pass include:</i></b>	
<b>Absolute Discharge</b>	No penalty is imposed, no criminal record results
<b>Conditional Discharge</b>	<p>You are placed on probation for a certain length of time, during which certain conditions are imposed on you. These may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paying restitution</li> <li>• performing community service hours</li> <li>• having no contact with certain persons</li> <li>• taking specific programs</li> </ul> <p>After the probation period is over and the conditions have been complied with, the discharge becomes absolute which means that you will have no criminal record</p>
<b>Probation</b>	<p>This frequently includes a condition that requires you to report to a Probation officer immediately and thereafter as required. Some other conditions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• taking an alcohol/drug assessment and treatment</li> <li>• taking programs for anger management or domestic violence</li> <li>• refraining from the consumption of alcohol or drugs</li> <li>• refraining from contact with certain persons or places</li> <li>• any other conditions that are appropriate to the offence and your circumstances</li> </ul>
<b>Fines</b>	If you are given a fine, you will be given a certain time in which to pay it. If it is not paid within this time you can be subject to civil enforcement by the Crown or a period of time in custody. You may be able to choose to pay the fine or do community service instead under a Fine Option Program.
<b>Suspended Sentence</b>	Here the Court suspends the passing of sentence and places you on probation usually with a number of conditions as mentioned above. Failure to comply with these conditions can result in you returning to court for a different sentence.
<b>Conditional Sentence</b>	This is a term of custody to be served within the community. If the conditions attached to this sentence are not kept, it can be converted to a custodial sentence.
<b>Custodial Sentence</b>	The court imposes a term to be served in a provincial correctional centre or in a federal penitentiary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When sentence is passed, a surcharge is levied which is intended to assist victims of crime. If you can't afford to pay this, you must ask the Court not to impose it.</li> <li>• In any case, you have the right to appeal within 30 days of the passing of a sentence.</li> </ul>	