

Guide to victims

～To the victims of crime～

The aim of this leaflet is to provide you and your family with more information to understand the followings:

- What kind of requests do the police ask the victims and the family
- How investigations and trials are conducted
- What kind of support system may victims and their family use



Police officer in charge If you have any concerns, questions or requests, feel free to contact us.

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Person in charge

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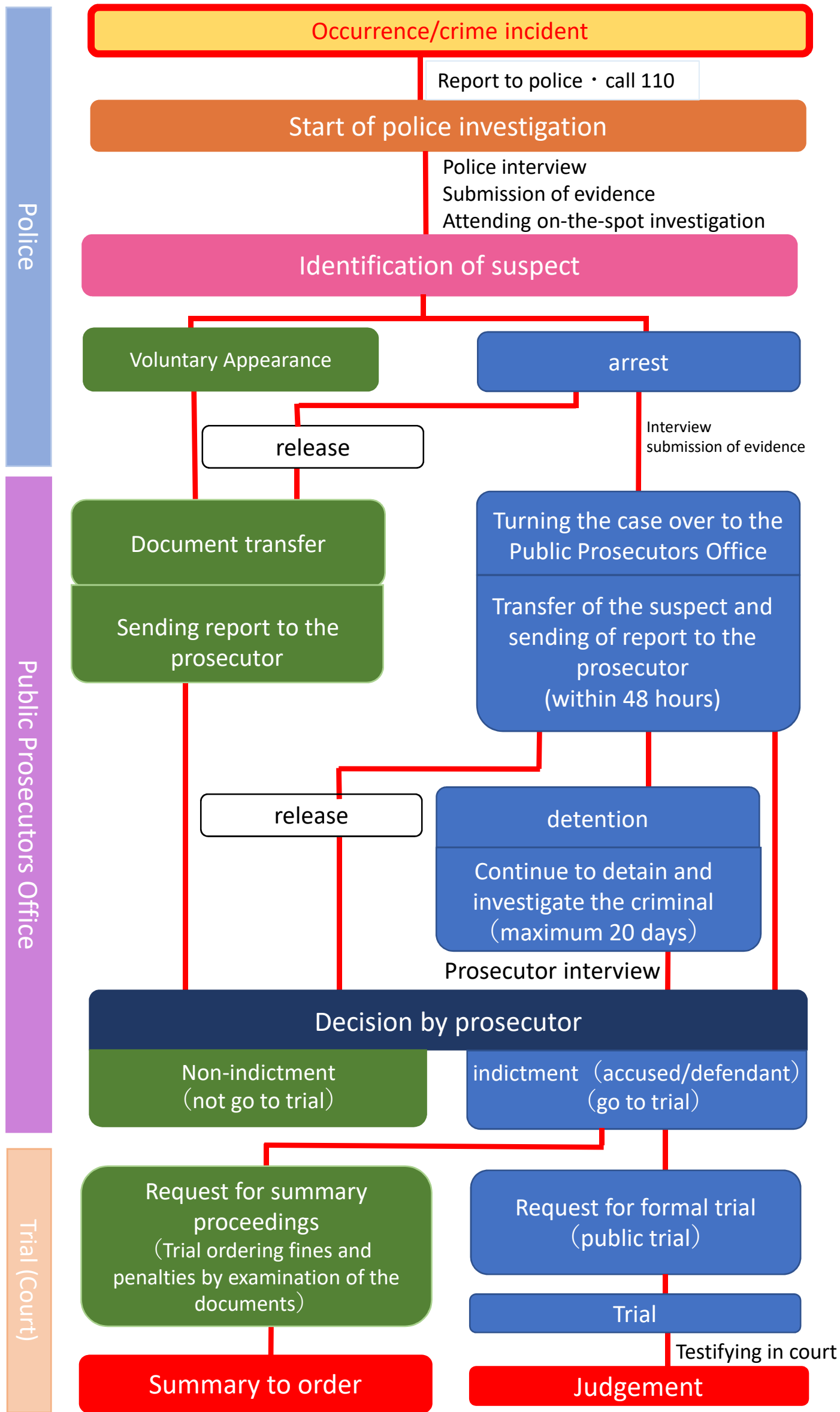
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Nagasaki Prefecture Police

Flowchart of criminal Justice system



Support staff will assist you

Police will assist you with support staff (police officer) immediately after the incident occurred,

- Attending during the investigation
- Handling the problems and requests caused by incident
- Explanation and procedures of various support systems
- Introduce and takeover of related organizations



Police officer in charge will inform you the followings:

- In case the suspect has not been arrested - How much progress the police have made in the investigation.
- In case the suspect has been arrested - Name and address of the suspect, What has happened to the suspect after being arrested.(Indictment/Not-indictment)

If the suspect is a juvenile or minor, the range of information that can be disclosed might be different from the ones above.

Financial Assistance System

The followings will be paid by Police at public expense, however it will have the limit under the certain requirements.

- Those who have lost their family ····· death certificate fee
 - corpsetransportation fee
- Those who have disability ····· initial consultant fee
 - medical certificate fee
- Those who have a victim of sex crime ··· initial consultant fee
 - medical certificate fee
 - inspection fee
 - emergency contraception fee
- Those who need temporary evacuation ··· hotel fee



System for Victims to Participate in Criminal Court, and Other Systems

The Victims Participating System

When falling victim to the intentional offenses (e.g., murder, assault and battery), which have resulted in the death or bodily injury, the victim and his or her family are entitled to participate in a criminal trial only when they have been granted a statutory status called the “victim participant” by the court.

Such an authorized victim participant is able to appear before the judge on the day of court, question the witnesses involved or the defendant under a given set of conditions, and state his/her opinions on the facts presented or the laws applied.



There is a mental expert.

Don't you have any physical and mental condition changed after an injury?

Police has a counseling system by counselor in our department and by counselor who belongs Nagasaki prefecture Clinical Psychologist Association.

If you have any concerns, please contact the support staff in charge.

The counselling fee will covered via public expense,
however it will have the limit under the certain requirement

- can't sleep well, have no appetite
- can't go to school or work
- The family seems strange



Information can be provided to related organizations.

In case of the followings, Police will pass the information in advance on your behalf (e.g. victim's personal info, outline of incident, requests etc.) and therefore, you can have support at related organization smoothly.

- If you want to have a legal advice from a lawyer who is familiar with victim support.
- If you want to go to the city hall for procedures and consultation, but you are worried about the other people's eyes

『Nagasaki Crime Victim Support Center』 is specified as early stage aid groups for crime victims by Nagasaki Prefectural Public Safety Commission.

The support staff of Nagasaki Crime Victim Support Center will assist you even consultation of the contents which the police cannot cope with such as:

- Introduce of the lawyer who was familiar with victim support
- Attendance at courts and law firms

The Court-appointed Lawyers for Victims System

The victim and his/her family, once authorized as such a victim participant, are entitled to ask a lawyer to act as proxy for him/her upon such occasions of appearing in court or questioning the defendant and others.

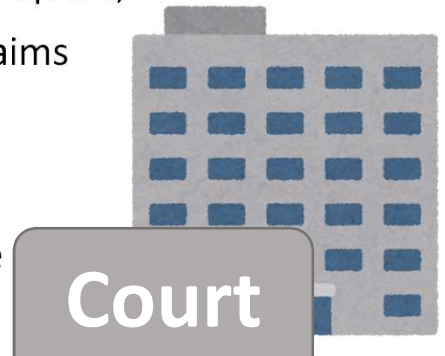
Even if the victim's financial capacity is short of JPY 2 million, the victim is still able to ask the court to appoint a lawyer (the so-called "lawyer for victim participation") for him/her. The lawyer's contingency fees and other expenses will be paid by the Government of Japan.



Restitution Order system

After being convicted, the court in charge of the criminal case can continue to hear about damages and order the perpetrator to compensate for the damages.

With regards to the compensation for damages request, utilizing the results of criminal proceedings for claims using this system, victim's burden for proof will be reduced of himself/herself compared to bringing up a civil lawsuit in a different procedure from the criminal procedure.



Crime Victims' Benefit System

This is a system in which the government provides a lump-sum payment to crime victims and bereaved families who have suffered serious damage such as

death, • serious injured or illness • or disability ※1

due to intentional criminal acts such as murder or injury.

※ Serious Injury or Sickness Benefits: paid to victims who have suffered serious injury (injury that requires treatment of one month or longer and hospitalization of three days or more) or serious illness (mental illnesses such as post-traumatic stress disorder that requires treatment of one month or longer and inhibits a worker from performing a job for three days or more).

In the following cases, all or part of the benefits may not be paid.



- damage between relatives
- If the victim also has a cause
- if you receive compensation for damages from the perpetrator
- If you receive a public guarantee such as workers' accident compensation insurance

Applications cannot be made more than two years after the knowledge of the occurrence of death, serious injury, sickness or disability due to the crime, or seven years after the occurrence of these damages.

※Police officers will explain the system in detail to the victims of the target incident.

Request of the corporation to the investigation



To catch the criminal and to punish them, we may ask the following favor to victim and the family. Please give us your kind cooperation.

Interview

An investigator (police officer) in charge of the case asks you about circumstances the status of the situation and the criminal of the damage in detail.



The submission of the evidence product

You might be requested to submit clothing or the personal belongings which can be an evidence to support the fact that encountered a criminal damage.



To be present during the on-the-spot investigation:

We may request you to attend the on-the-spot investigation for clearing the fact and proving the crime.

In addition, please report to an investigator (police officer) of the charge without reserve when you will become ill-conditioned or you will inconvenient during your presentation.