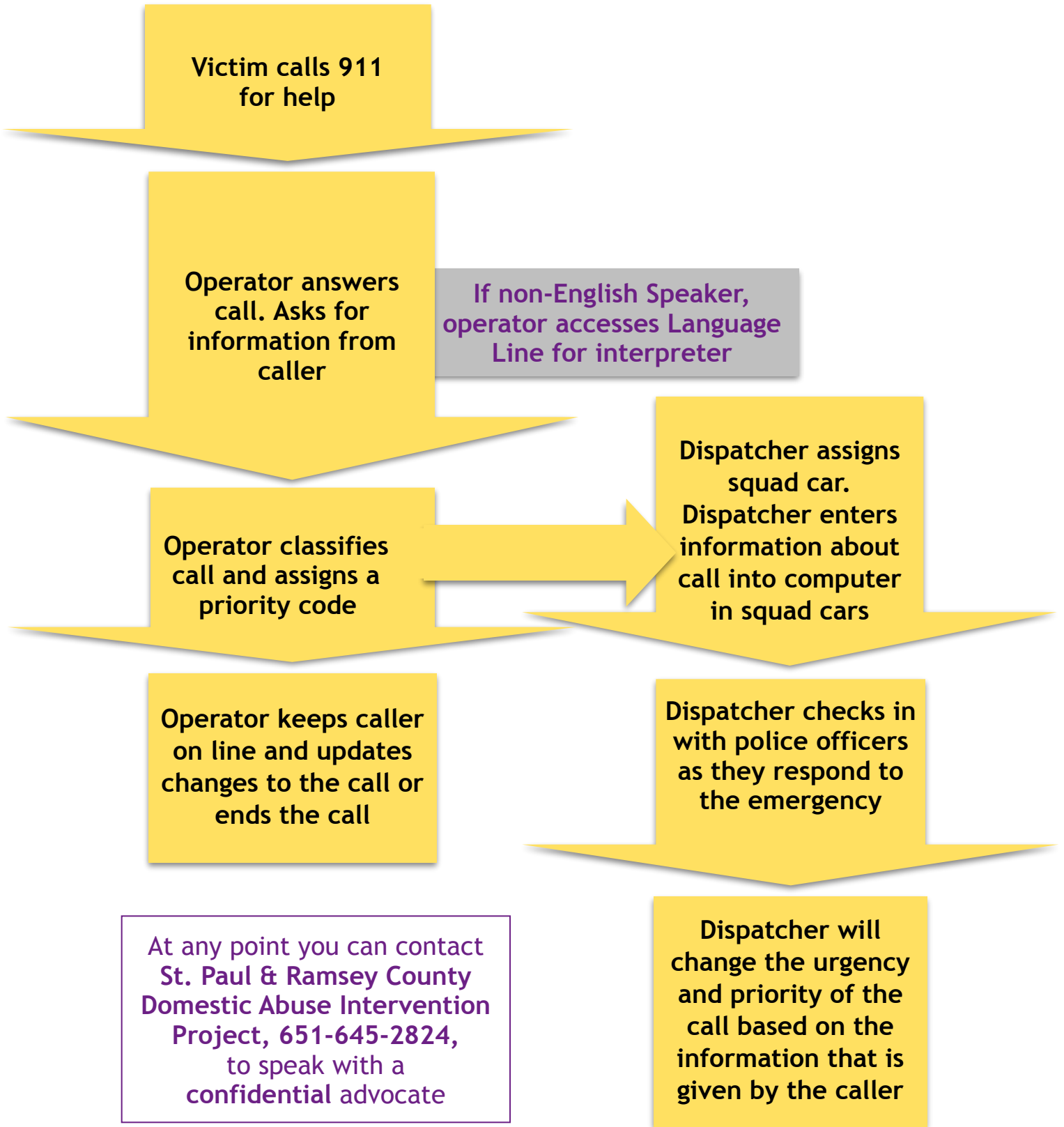


What Happens When I Call 911 For Help?



What do St. Paul Police do when they respond to a 911 domestic abuse call?

911 dispatches squad

Officers arrive on scene, survey area, observe scene and activity, determine if weapons are present, determine if paramedics are needed

Interview the victim and suspect separately

Check for warrants, orders for protection, domestic abuse no contact orders or harassment restraining orders

Collect evidence:

- Call camera car to take photos
- Observe and document injuries
- Observe damage / disarray
- Interview you, suspect, witnesses
- Have victim sign medical release form
- Ask risk questions

If you don't speak English, police can access interpreter

If in Safe at Home Program, tell police. Give PO Box. Ask it be marked non-public

If suspect Gone on Arrival (GOA), police call the dispatcher to update them and write GOA report

Dispatcher broadcasts description of GOA to all squads. Officers can arrest the suspect up to 72 hours

What do St. Paul Police do when they respond to a 911 domestic abuse call?

Determine:

- If anyone acted in self-defense
- Who the primary aggressor is
- Whether there is probable cause to arrest

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Police can:

- Arrest
- Not arrest
- Advise

If arrest, suspect transported to jail and booked

Write police report

What happens when someone is arrested and brought to jail?

Officer brings suspect to jail

Inmate's property is collected, inventoried

Each morning jail staff check court list for inmates to appear in court for arraignment or first appearance when bail/ conditions of release may be ordered

Deputy brings inmate to court

If release ordered, jail staff attempt to notify victim of inmate release

Get information about inmate by calling, 651-266-9350 or on website

www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff/bookings

In domestic abuse cases, contact by inmate with you is blocked by jail

If no domestic abuse no contact order in place and you want contact, call jail to discuss

Bail is money given to court as a promise to appear. If bail not affordable, bail bondsman can pay court for non-refundable fee of 10%--20% of bail plus, in some cases, collateral

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What happens if I am contacted by a police investigator?

Family and Sexual Violence Unit receives police report from the original patrol/responding officer

Case assigned to investigator

Investigator follows up

- Reviews evidence collected
- Collects additional evidence (medical reports, re-interviews you and witnesses, takes new photos, etc.)
- Gives you contact information for investigator
- Reviews case for charging
- Consults with prosecutor

Submits case to prosecutors for charging

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How does a defendant get released from jail before trial?

Project Remand (PR) gets notified from law enforcement center once defendant charged and booked

If you don't speak English, Project Remand staff can access an interpreter.

PR staff get criminal history, interview defendant, try to contact you to explain arraignment process and when defendant will appear in court

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Project Remand:

- Completes bail evaluation
- Presents to prosecutor, defense counsel and judge
- Makes release recommendation

Bail evaluation includes criminal and social history. It is tool that predicts defendant's likelihood to reoffend and to make court appearances

Judge orders bail and/or conditions of release

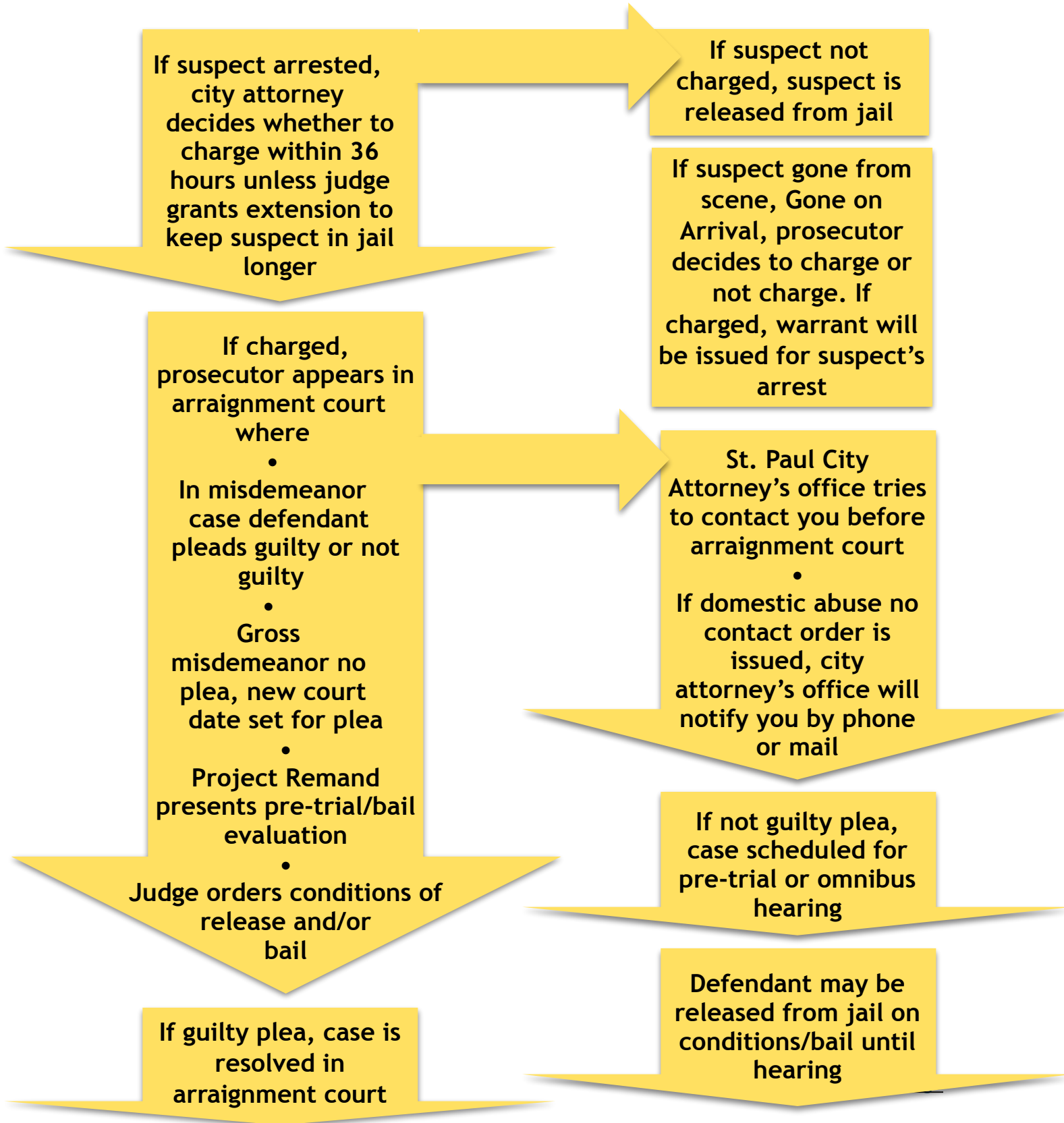
PR gets name and numbers of people who can verify information and calls to verify

Project Remand will

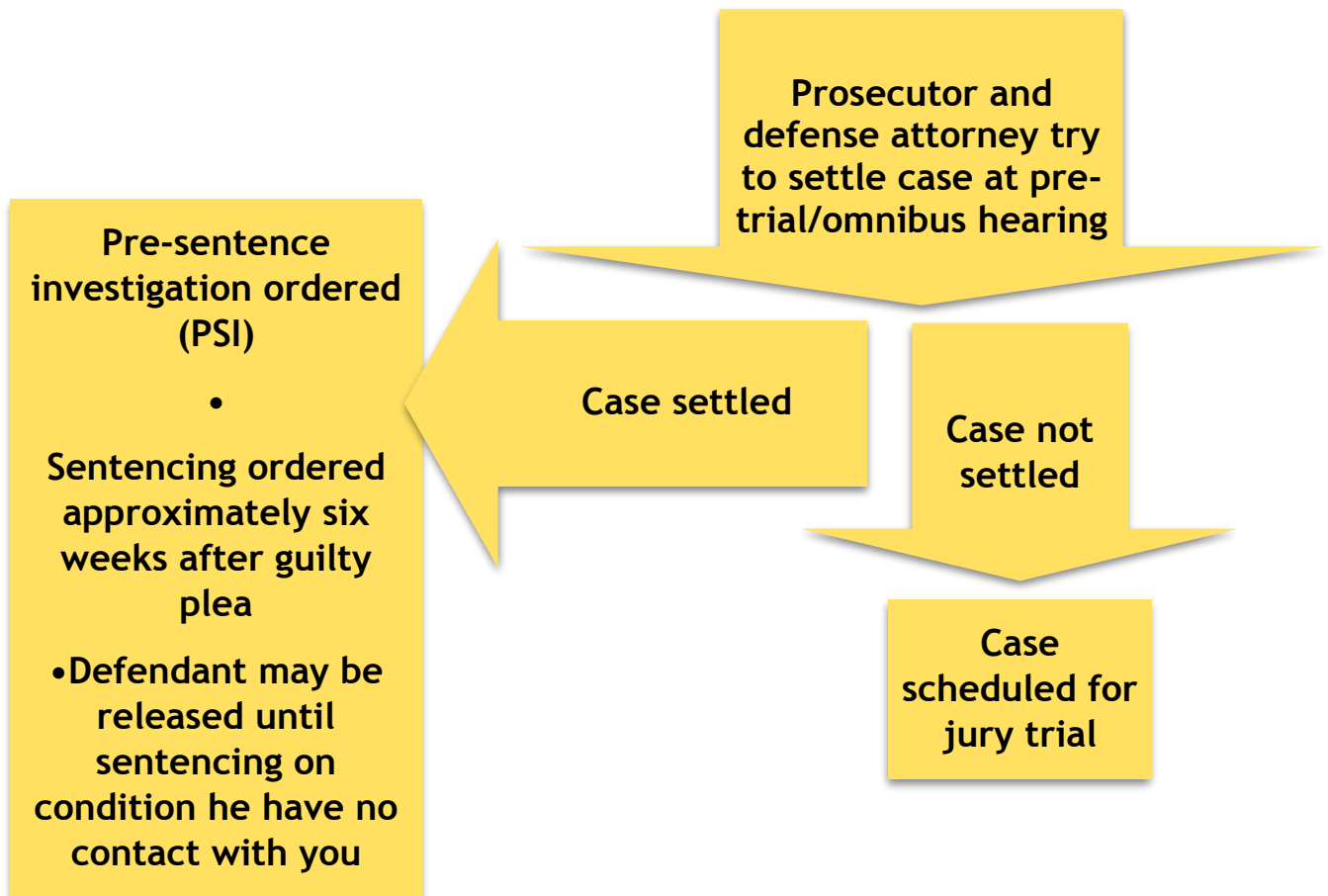
- explain conditions of release
- call you to tell you of judge's order
- supervises defendant awaiting trial

PR also screens for public defender eligibility, chemical/ alcohol and mental health problems

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If you don't speak English St. Paul City Attorney staff can access an interpreter

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How does a felony domestic violence case move through the criminal justice system?

All felonies prosecuted by Ramsey County Attorney's Office

When investigation is complete, case presented to county attorney. County attorney can:

- charge
- decline to charge or
- release suspect pending further investigation

If felony charged, formal complaint drafted and filed

If county attorney declines to charge, suspect released

If defendant is in jail, the first appearance occurs within 36-48 hours. At this hearing:

- The defendant can plead guilty, but usually does not enter plea at this hearing
- Eligibility for public defender is decided
- Judge sets bail and/or conditions of release
- County attorney's office victim/witness advocate assigned

Investigator can bring case to city attorney for charging review as misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor

How does a felony domestic violence case move through the criminal justice system?

Approximately four weeks after first appearance, omnibus hearing scheduled. Defendant pleads guilty or not guilty. Attempts are made to settle case.

Approximately four weeks after omnibus hearing, pre-trial is scheduled

Approximately four weeks after pre-trial, jury trial is scheduled

If guilty, approximately six weeks after jury trial, sentencing occurs

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At any time in process, defendant can plead guilty. After guilty plea:

- Pre-sentence investigation ordered (PSI)

- Probation will contact you for input

- Approximately six weeks after plea, sentencing occurs

If you don't speak English, the staff at the Ramsey County Attorney's Office can access an interpreter

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What happens after a defendant is found guilty or pleads guilty?

Court orders a pre-sentence investigation (PSI) done by probation

If you don't speak English, probation officer can access an interpreter

Probation will contact you for your input on domestic abuse history, desire for contact and sentence

If you are in Safe At Home Program you can give the probation officer your post office box mailing address

Probation writes a PSI that includes

- Official version of crime
- Prior criminal history
- Social history
- Drug and alcohol background
- Victim statement
- History of domestic violence
- Recommendations for sentence

What happens after a defendant is found guilty or pleads guilty?

Your views go into confidential section of report

Note: although confidential section of PSI is not supposed to be shared with defendant, it is shared with defense attorney

PSI writer will confirm date, time of place of sentencing

You can be present at sentencing and present a victim impact statement that defendant can read or hear

After PSI presented, offender is sentenced

If offender placed on probation, supervising probation officer will be assigned to case within 3-5 business days

Supervising probation officer:

- Sends you letter with his/her contact information

- Monitors offender's behavior

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