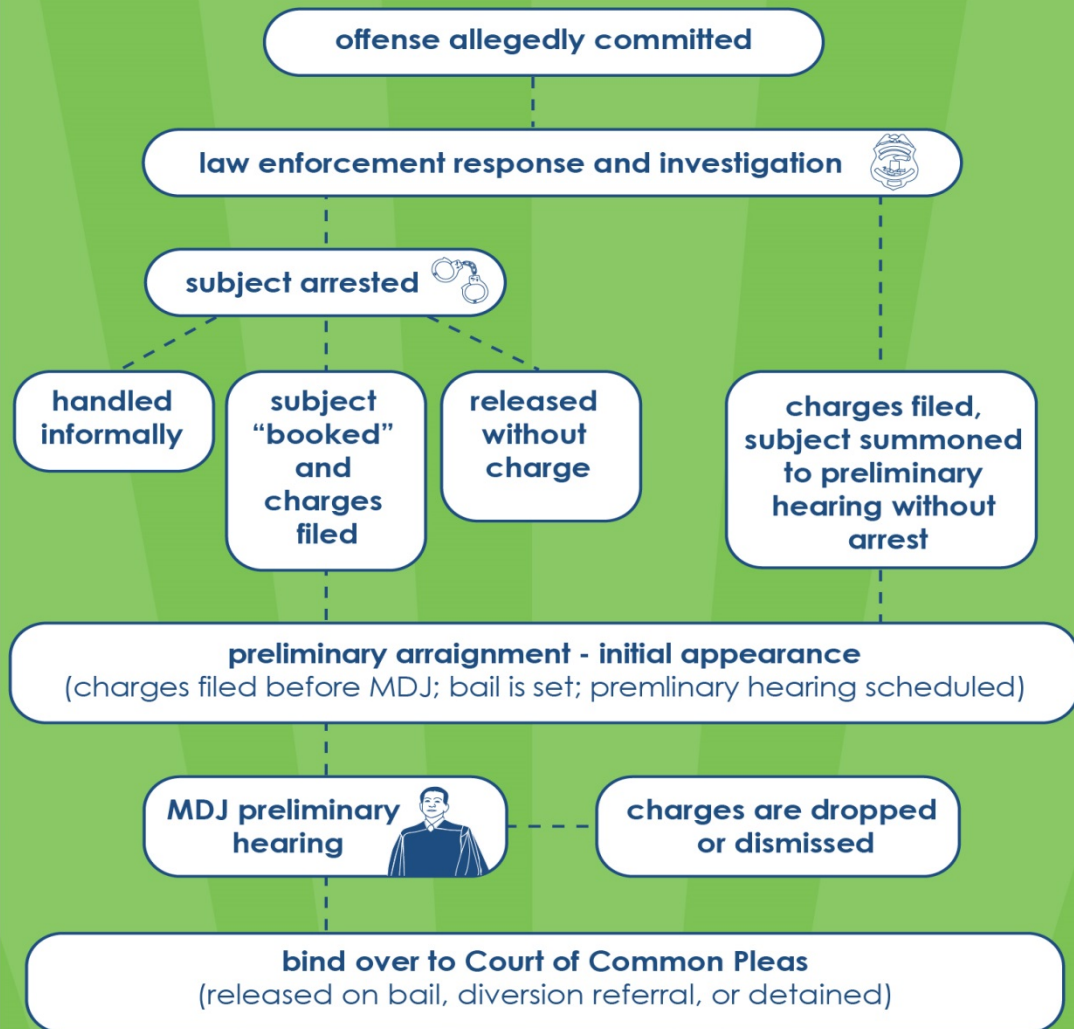


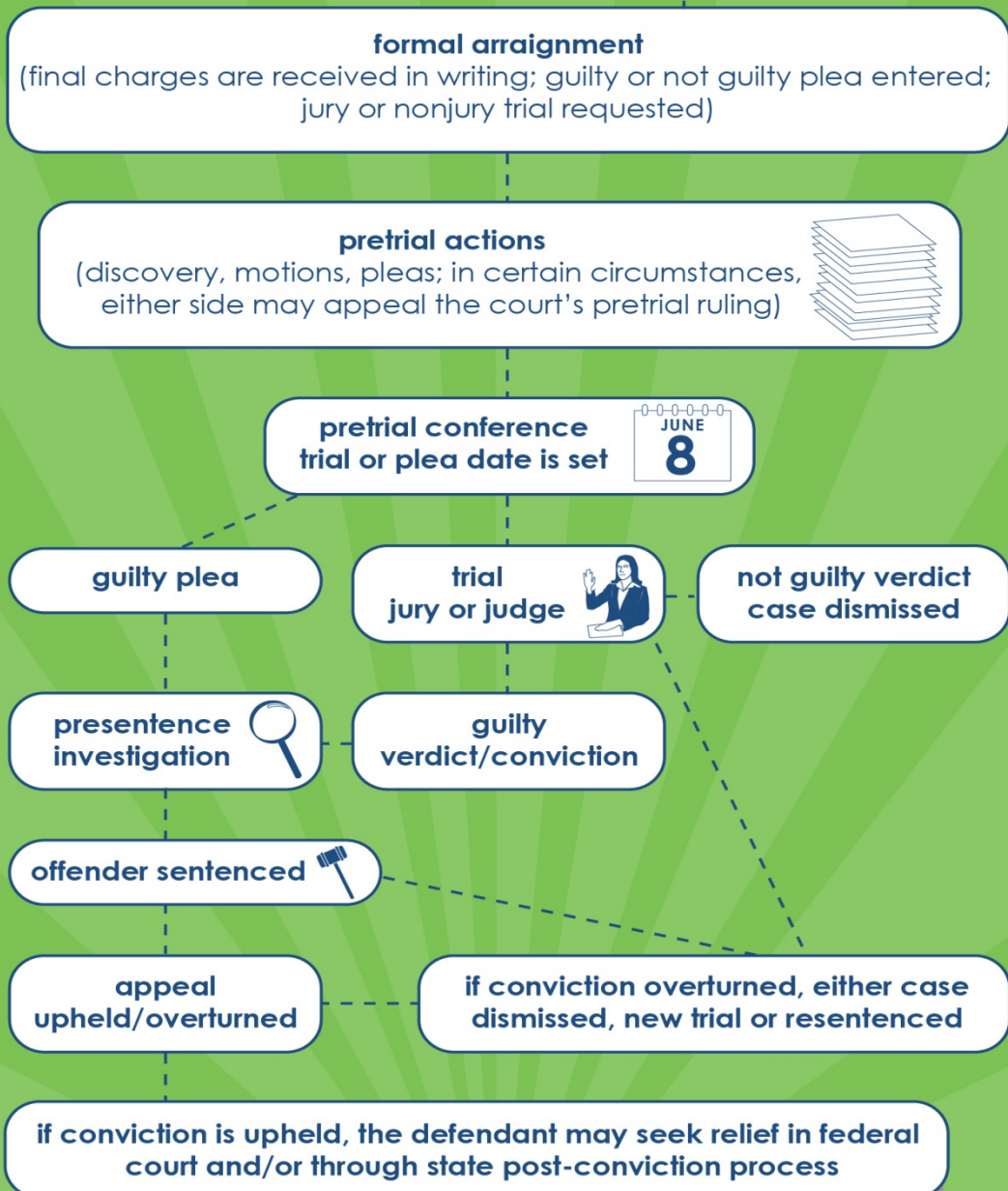
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## Magisterial District Judge system\*



## Common Pleas system



\*in Philadelphia, Municipal Court handles preliminary criminal matters