
WHATCOM COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

INSTRUCTIONS AFTER COURT

Once the plea is completed, you still have responsibilities to the Court and possibly the DOL. The following may apply to your case and it is important to follow through.

Money: The total fees can be paid directly to the court. You must check in with the Court Clerk and set up a payment plan. The payment plan will automatically start at \$75/month but you can request \$25/month payments. Be sure and pay these timely.

Probation: If Active (aka Supervised) Probation is ordered you must check in with the Probation Department following court. You will fill out an intake package and schedule a time to meet with the Probation office (typically 2-3 weeks later). Probation may also schedule a separate time to provide a UA (urinalysis) sample. During your period on Active Probation you can expect periodic UAs. Expect one every time you meet with Probation and remember that proof of marijuana consumption can be detected through testing up to and beyond the previously 30 days and alcohol can be detected for 4 days prior to a test.

Jail: If you have been sentenced to jail and were not given full credit for time served, you must check in with Jail Alternatives the same day as your plea. Jail Alts will determine what credit you will be given (for jail) and what time is remaining. Jail Alts will then screen you for eligibility and schedule with you your remaining time. Finally, they will discuss with you any and all available options (work release, work crew, electronic home monitoring).

DOL: If your sentence triggers a license suspension you will be notified by the DOL within 30 days. Please read the documentation carefully. Even if you have already served a license suspension you may still need to reinstate your driver's license a second time.

More Questions? Please read your court documents carefully and do not lose them. As always, please contact us directly so we can help. We want the finality of your case to be as smooth as possible.

Whatcom District Court Clerk	311 Grand Ave, 401, Bellingham	(360) 778-5400
Whatcom Probation Department	311 Grand Ave, 406, Bellingham	(360) 778-5450
Whatcom Jail Work Center (Jail Alts)	2030 Division Street, Bellingham	(360) 778-6450
DOL	www.dol.wa	(360) 902-3900