**THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS TWO-COLUMN NOTES**

Research the criminal justice process at the website: [https://www.justice.gov/usao/justice-101/steps-federal-criminal-process](https://www.justice.gov/usao/justice-101/steps-federal-criminal-process%20)

Using the questions as a guide, write facts you learn in the right-hand column.

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| **GUIDING QUESTIONS** | **IMPORTANT FACTS** |
| 1. What are the important facts for investigators to learn during a criminal investigation? 2. What is the difference between **circumstantial** and **direct** evidence? 3. Explain **probable cause** when police obtain a **search warrant**. 4. What happens during **an arrest**? 5. Explain the **Miranda Warning** and **self-incrimination**. 6. Why is an **arraignment** important? 7. What is **bail?** 8. What does the **defense** and **prosecutor** do to prepare before the trial starts? 9. What is **Discovery** and **Plea Bargaining?** 10. **During the trial**, what motions may be presented by the defense or prosecution? 11. What are **exhibits?** 12. If found guilty, how is **sentencing** determined? What are criminal codes? 13. Why are **instructions to the jury** important? 14. What **post-trial motions** are available to the defense? 15. How does **the appeal** process work? |  |