**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?
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