Crown attorney

Represent the Crown and society in Canadian legal cases, act as a prosecutor.

Defense Attorney

Either appointed by the Court to represent the accused or hired by the accused.

Indictable Offense

No time limit on when charges can be laid. No warrant required for offense.

Summary Conviction Offense

Within six months. Needs arrest warrant. No right to jury trial.

Hybrid or Dual Offense

Offenses where either both a summary and an indictable offense have been committed, or the offense does not fit squarely into either. The individual usually has the right to a jury trial.

Search warrant

A contract signed by a judge that allows for search of property under reasonable suspicion. For a specific time and specific items.

Arrest warrant

A contract which allows for a particular individuals arrest for a particular crime. A specific person. Issued by a judge. If people are evading the police.

Bail Hearing

A hearing where bail is assigned to an individual based on their income.

Preliminary hearing

A hearing in which the circumstances of the actual trial will be discussed.

1st Degree Murder

Murder with premeditated intent

2nd Degree Murder

Murder that is not first degree murder.

Manslaughter

No general intent for murder.

Theft

The unlawful taking of another's property.

Robbery

Aggravated theft

Arson

Reckless or intentional damaged caused by fire

Assault

Application of force intentionally or unintentionally to another person

Sexual assault

Sexual contact with another person without that other person's consent

Impaired Driving

Operating or having care or control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol