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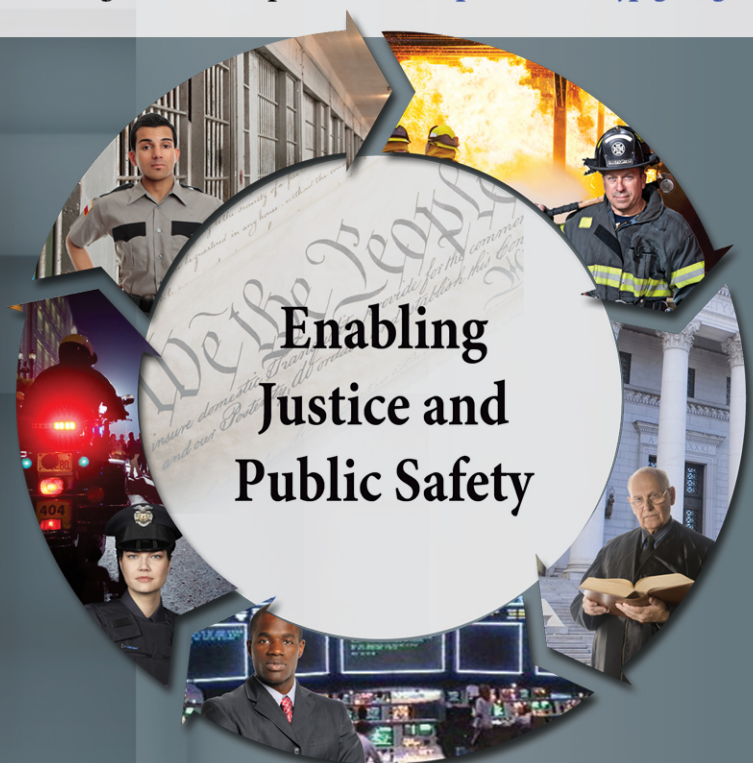


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1. Overview

1.1 Purpose

The Victim Notification (VN) Service is designed to supply a standard for providing timely information and notification of key events to victims.

1.2 Description

The VN Service facilitates cross-jurisdictional data sharing to inform the victim(s) in a case about an offender's/justice-involved individual's interaction with an agency responsible for providing offender/justice-involved individual and notification information. Specific interactions with an offender/justice-involved individual result in information being sent to a victim information and notification system/provider. The details will include information about the agency involved, relevant dates, identifiers (e.g., case number, ID number), and the disposition or status of the event.

1.3 Approach

The VN Service is intended to communicate timely and accurate information regarding specific events that occur in a submitting agency that is responsible for providing offender/justice-involved individual and notification information to a victim information and notification system/provider. Note that this service does not provide notification directly to the victim, but to a victim information and notification system/provider. The victim information and notification system/provider is responsible for processing the message and actually delivering notifications to victims.

The VN Information Exchange Package Documentation (IEPD) serves two primary purposes. First, it provides structures to support the messages exchanged by the VN service—submit and response. Second, it provides abstract base types that can be leveraged by implementers to define specific types of information to communicate.

Ten default criminal justice submitting agencies have been identified—attorney general, corrections, court, interstate compact, jail, law enforcement, parole board, prosecution, state hospital, and supervision. Each of these agencies has a specific element in the extension schema to address specific data these agencies tend to transmit. Victim information and notification systems/providers are required to return a response message to the submitting agency. This response contains information either about errors that may have occurred or about the processing of the message that was submitted.

Each message contains enough information for the victim information and notification system/provider to process messages accordingly. The VN IEPD does not attempt to anticipate every possible type of information that a particular implementation may exchange. Instead, the core IEPD provides abstract structures that can be used by implementers to design an extension schema specific to their implementations.

2. Logical Structure

The VN IEPD includes four primary schemas:

1. *Exchange Schema*: Defines structures for each of the messages exchanged.
2. *Extension Schema*: Contains VN-specific elements used by the IEPD.
3. *Structures Schema*: Contains VN-specific structures used by the IEPD.
4. *Codes Schema*: Contains VN-specific codes used by the IEPD.

A detailed discussion of each of these components is included in the following sections.

3. Exchange Schema

The VN IEPD Exchange Schema provides structures to support the messaging requirements of the VN Service. The VN Service exchange has two messages: the VN Submit Message and the VN Response Message. The submit message includes data elements relating to Subjects (victim, offender/justice-involved individual, event persons), Organizations (sending agency, receiving agency, event agencies, gang), the Event, Locations (subjects, organizations, event), and Contact Information (subjects, organizations).

For more information, please refer to the Logical Submit Content Model and the Logical Response Content Model included in the VN IEPD.

Submit (<vn:SubmitMessage>)

Victim (<vn-ext:Victim>): Information about a victim to be notified.

Offender (<vn-ext:Offender>): Information about the offender/justice-involved individual in the case.

Activity Person (<vn-ext:ActivityPerson>): Information about a person associated to the case—other than the victim or offender/justice-involved individual.

Sending Agency (<vn-ext:SendingAgency>): Information about the sending agency.

Receiving Agency (<vn-ext:ReceivingAgency>): Information about the receiving agency (victim notification information system).

Activity Agency (<vn-ext:ActivityAgency>): Information about an organization associated with the case—other than the sending and receiving agencies.

Gang (<vn-ext:Gang>): Information about a gang the offender/justice-involved individual may be linked to.

Victim Location (<vn-ext:VictimLocation>): Information about a victim's address.

Offender Location (<vn-ext:OffenderLocation>): Information about the offender's/justice-involved individual's address.

Sending Agency Location (<vn-ext:SendingAgencyLocation>): Information about the sending agency address.

Receiving Agency Location (<vn-ext:ReceivngAgencyLocation>): Information about the receiving agency address (victim notification information system).

Activity Person Location (<vn-ext:ActivityPersonLocation>): Information about the address of a person associated with the case—other than the victim or offender/justice-involved individual.

Activity Agency Location (<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyLocation>): Information about the address of an organization associated with the case—other than the sending and receiving agencies.

Activity Location (<vn-ext:ActivityLocation>): Information about the address where the event took place.

Victim Contact Information (<vn-ext:VictimContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for a victim to be notified.

Offender Contact Information (<vn-ext:OffenderContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for the offender/justice-involved individual in the case.

Sending Agency Contact Info (<vn-ext:SendingAgencyContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for the sending agency.

Receiving Agency Contact Info (<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for the receiving agency (victim notification information system).

Activity Person Contact Info (<vn-ext:ActivityPersonContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for a person associated with the case—other than the victim or offender/justice-involved individual.

Activity Agency Contact Info (<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for an organization associated with the case—other than the sending and receiving agencies.

Activity (<vn-ext:Activity>): Information about the notification event.

Additional discussion of the Notification elements is included in the Extension Schema section below.

Response (<vn:ResponseMessage>)

Sending Agency (<vn-ext:SendingAgency>): Information about the sending agency (victim notification information system).

Receiving Agency (<vn-ext:ReceivingAgency>): Information about the receiving agency (agency that sent the initial notification message).

Sending Agency Location (<vn-ext:SendingAgencyLocation>): Information about the sending agency address (victim notification information system).

Receiving Agency Location (<vn-ext:ReceivngAgencyLocation>): Information about the receiving agency address (agency that sent the initial notification message).

Sending Agency Contact Info (<vn-ext:SendingAgencyContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for the sending agency (victim notification information system).

Receiving Agency Contact Info (<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyContactInformation>): Contact information (phone, e-mail) for the receiving agency (agency that sent the initial notification message).

Activity (<vn-ext:Activity>): The response to the initial notification message (agency event).

Additional discussion of the Response elements is included in the Extension Schema section below.

4. Extension Schema

The VN IEPD Extension schema provides structures to represent pertinent information for submit and response messages. The structures provide details common to all events (activity, locations, persons) as well as specific information relating to unique events (Attorney General, corrections, etc.).

The following sections detail the Extension Schema elements.

Activity (<abstract>)

The Activity element defines the notification event. Information that is common to all events is included in this element. This is an abstract element, so details for specific events are found under that specific event type. (<nc:Activity>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:EventType>: The type of event (agency event, e.g., court hearing).

<vn-ext:EventSubtype>: A further categorization of the event type (e.g., motion hearing).

<vn-ext:NotificationType>: The type of notification message (e.g., internal use only).

<vn-ext:NotificationSubtype>: A further categorization of the notification type (e.g., death of offender/justice-involved individual).

<vn-ext:NotificationValidation>: A description of a validation that needs to be performed during message processing.

<im:Status>: A description of status details that pertain to the message (person, case, etc.).

Activity Agency (<vn-ext:ActivityAgency>)

The Activity Agency element defines an agency associated with the event (other than the sending or receiving agencies). (<nc:Organization>) is the core element.

Activity Agency Contact Info (<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyContactInformation>)

The Activity Agency Contact Information element lists contact information (phone, e-mail) for an agency associated with the event (other than the sending or receiving agencies). (<nc:ContactInformation>) is the core element.

Activity Agency Location (<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyLocation>)

The Activity Agency Location element defines an address for an agency associated with the event (other than the sending or receiving agencies). (<nc:Location>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNLocationType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:NoKnownAddressIndicator>: True indicates that there is no known address for this organization.

Activity Location (<vn-ext:ActivityLocation>)

The Activity Location element defines an address for the event itself. (<nc:Location>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNLocationType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:NoKnownAddressIndicator>: True indicates that there is no known address for the event.

Activity Person (<vn-ext:ActivityPerson>)

The Activity Person element defines a person that is included in the notification (other than the offender/justice-involved individual or victims). (<nc:Person>) is the core element. The element is then extended to include a person augmentation (<vn-ext:VNPersonAugmentation>). This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

Activity Person Contact Info (<vn-ext:ActivityPersonContactInformation>)

The Activity Person Contact Information element lists contact information (phone, e-mail) for a person associated with the event (other than the offender/justice-involved individual or victims). (<nc:ContactInformation>) is the core element.

Activity Person Location (<vn-ext:ActivityPersonLocation>)

The Activity Person Location element defines an address for a person in the notification (other than the offender/justice-involved individual or victims). (<nc:Location>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNLocationType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:NoKnownAddressIndicator>: True indicates that there is no known address for this person.

Attorney General Event (<vn-ext:AttorneyGeneralEvent>)

This element defines an attorney general notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<j:AppellateCase>: The appeal case details.

Corrections Event (<vn-ext:CorrectionsEvent>)

This element defines a corrections notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:ClemencyIndicator>: True means this record refers to a clemency event.

<vn-ext:EffectiveDateTime>: The date an action goes into effect.

<vn-ext:EligibleDateTime>: The date an action can commence.

<vn-ext:EscapeDateTime>: The date and time of an escape event.

<vn-ext:PardonIndicator>: True means this record refers to a pardon event.

<vn-ext:RecaptureDateTime>: The date and time of recapture after escape.

<nc:Release>: Information pertaining to the release of a subject.

Court Event (<vn-ext:CourtEvent>)

This element defines a court notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:EffectiveDateTime>: The date an action goes into effect.

Gang (<vn-ext:Gang>)

The Gang element defines an organization the offender/justice-involved individual is associated with. (<nc:Organization>) is the core element.

Interstate Compact Event (<vn-ext: InterstateCompactEvent>)

This element defines an interstate compact (ICOTS) notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:AcceptIndicator>: True means that this record applies to the acceptance of a transfer request.

<vn-ext:ArriveIndicator>: True means that this record applies to a subject's arrival at the new transfer to jurisdiction.

<vn-ext:BeginTravelDateTime>: The date travel is to begin for a subject who has been approved for travel.

<nc:Condition>: A requirement or stipulation.

<vn-ext:DenyIndicator>: True means that this record applies to the denial of a transfer request.

<vn-ext:DepartIndicator>: True means that this record applies to a subject's departure from a transfer from jurisdiction.

<vn-ext:EndTravelDateTime>: The date travel is to be completed by for a subject who has been approved for travel.

<vn-ext:RequestDateTime>: The date a request was entered.

<vn-ext:RetakingDateTime>: The date a subject, who has transferred out of one jurisdiction, is taken back to the original jurisdiction.

Jail Event (<vn-ext:JailEvent>)

This element defines a jail notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:EscapeDateTime>: The date and time of an escape event.

<vn-ext:RecaptureDateTime>: The date and time of recapture after escape.

<nc:Release>: A freeing or discharge of someone from an activity, supervision, or obligation.

Law Enforcement Event (<vn-ext:LawEnforcementEvent>)

This element defines a law enforcement notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<j:CourtOrder >: Details about a direction of a judge not included in a judgment, which determines some point or directs some step in proceedings.

<nc:Document>: The type of document served by the law enforcement officer.

Offender (<vn-ext:Offender>)

The Offender element defines the offender/justice-involved individual in the notification. (<nc:Person>) is the core element. The element is then extended to include a person augmentation (<vn-ext:VNPersonAugmentation>). This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

Offender Contact Information (<vn-ext:OffenderContactInformation>)

The Offender Contact Information element lists contact information (phone, e-mail) for the offender/justice-involved individual in the notification (<nc:ContactInformation>) is the core element.

Offender Location (<vn-ext:OffenderLocation>)

The Offender Location element defines an address for the offender/justice-involved individual in the notification. (<nc:Location>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNLocationType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:NoKnownAddressIndicator>: True indicates that there is no known address for this person.

Parole Board Event (<vn-ext:ParoleBoardEvent>)

This element defines a parole board notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<nc:Activity>: A single or set of related actions, events, or process steps.

<nc:Condition>: A requirement or stipulation.

<nc:Disposition>: A result or outcome that is the product of handling, processing, or finalizing something.

<j:Parole>: An added period of control following release from prison.

<nc:Release>: A freeing or discharge of someone from an activity, supervision, or obligation.

Prosecution Event (<vn-ext:ProsecutionEvent>)

This element defines a prosecution notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<scr:AddressAugmentation>: Additional information about an address.

<j:AmendedSentence>: A new sentence term and conditions that replace a previous sentence.

<j:Case>: An aggregation of information about a set of related activities and events.

<j:Charge>: Details about a formal allegation that a specific person has committed a specific offense.

<vn-ext:ConfinementComment>: Additional information on the confinement requirement.

<vn-ext:ConfinementType>: A code or description indicating the type of confinement (e.g., term, execution, life without parole, life with parole).

<j:DetentionFacility>: A facility that carries out the confinement of a subject charged or convicted of a crime.

<nc:Disposition>: A result or outcome that is the product of handling, processing, or finalizing something.

<vn-ext:Duration>: The term a subject is sentenced to serve by a court.

<vn-ext:EffectiveDateTime>: The date an action goes into effect.

<vn-ext:JailWorkRelease>: True if a subject is sentenced to a work release program.

<vn-ext:LengthOfSentence>: The total amount of time recommended for all charges against the defendant in the sentence.

<nc:Obligation>: A thing that is owed to someone else.

<j:Offense>: An act or a course of action which may constitute a violation of a criminal statute, ordinance, or rule that occurred during an incident.

<vn-ext:OtherSentence>: Information about an OTHER type of sentence.

<vn-ext:OtherSentenceDuration>: A specific range or duration of a term for an OTHER type of sentence.

<vn-ext:ProbationComment>: Additional information about a subject being sentenced to probation.

<vn-ext:ProbationDuration>: The probation term a subject is sentenced to serve by a court.

<vn-ext:ProbationType>: Type of probation ordered by the court (standard, intensive).

<nc:Program>: A set of projects, activities, or services intended to meet a need.

<j:Sentence>: Details about a punishment resulting from conviction of charges in a court case.

<vn-ext:SentenceCondition>: Information about a sentence condition.

<j:SentenceModification>: Details about a change made to a sentence.

<nc:Supervision>: A process of overseeing, supervising, or keeping track of a person in some capacity.

<vn-ext:TermRelationshipType>: Describes the sentence relationship with another charge or case in a sentence—includes concurrent, consecutive, and served forthwith.

<vn-ext:WithheldDuration>: The amount of time withheld from a subject's sentence (e.g., time served, suspended, stayed).

Receiving Agency (<vn-ext:ReceivingAgency>)

The Receiving Agency element defines the organization receiving the message. (<nc:Organization>) is the core element.

Receiving Agency Contact Information (<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyContactInformation>)

The Receiving Agency Contact Information element lists contact information (phone, e-mail) for the organization receiving the message. (<nc:ContactInformation>) is the core element.

Receiving Agency Location (<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyLocation>)

The Receiving Agency Location element defines an address for the receiving organization. (<nc:Location>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNLocationType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:NoKnownAddressIndicator>: True indicates that there is no known address for this organization.

Response Event (<vn-ext:ResponseEvent>)

This element defines the response to a notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:ResponseText>: An element containing additional text pertaining to a notification message response.

VN Person Augmentation (<vn-ext:VNPersonAugmentation>)

This element adds further detail to the victim, offender/justice-involved individual, and activity person elements. (<j:PersonAugmentation >) is the core element. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<im:Alien>: A foreign-born person and not a United States citizen, who is of interest to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

<j:Arrest>: Details about the apprehension of a subject by a peace official based on an observed or a reported violation of a law or ordinance, an outstanding arrest warrant, or probable cause information.

<vn-ext:CaseManagementOffenderIdentifier>: A unique number identifying a person in a case management system.

<vn-ext:ConcealedWeaponStatus>: Indicates whether a person can carry a concealed weapon.

<vn-ext:CorrectionsOffenderIdentifier>: A unique number identifying a person in a corrections system.

<vn-ext:HIVStatus>: The HIV status of a person.

<vn-ext:JailRecordsOffenderIdentifier>: A unique number identifying a person in a jail management system.

<vn-ext:LawEnforcementRecordsOffenderIdentifier>: A unique number identifying a person in a record management system.

<vn-ext:MilitaryIDNumber>: A unique number identifying a person in the military system.

<vn-ext:Moniker>: A nickname (descriptive name added to or replacing the actual name of a person) specifically used by gang members or criminals to hide real identity for criminal purposes.

<vn-ext:SupervisionAgencyOffenderIdentifier>: A unique number identifying a person in a supervision agency system.

Sending Agency (<vn-ext:SendingAgency>)

The Sending Agency element defines the organization sending the message. (<nc:Organization>) is the core element.

Sending Agency Contact Information (<vn-ext:SendingAgencyContactInformation>)

The Sending Agency Contact Information element lists contact information (phone, e-mail) for the organization sending the message. (<nc:ContactInformation>) is the core element.

Sending Agency Location (<vn-ext:SendingAgencyLocation>)

The Sending Agency Location element defines an address for the sending organization. (<nc:Location>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNLocationType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:NoKnownAddressIndicator>: True indicates that there is no known address for this organization.

State Hospital Event (<vn-ext:StateHospitalEvent>)

This element defines a state hospital notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:EscapeDateTime>: The date and time of an escape event.

<vn-ext:RecaptureDateTime>: The date and time of recapture after escape.

<nc:Release>: A freeing or discharge of someone from an activity, supervision, or obligation.

Supervision Event (<vn-ext:SupervisionEvent>)

This element defines a supervision notification event. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNActivityType>) is extended. This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<j:Case>: An aggregation of information about a set of related activities and events.

<nc:Condition>: A requirement or stipulation.

<vn-ext:EffectiveDateTime>: The date an action goes into effect.

<vn-ext:LocateDateTime>: The date a person who has absconded is found again.

<nc:Release>: A freeing or discharge of someone from an activity, supervision, or obligation.

<vn-ext:TerminationDateTime>: The date an action terminates.

Victim (<vn-ext:Victim>)

The Victim element defines a victim in the notification. (<nc:Person>) is the core element. The element is then extended to include a person augmentation (<vn-ext:VNPersonAugmentation>). This element can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

Victim Contact Information (<vn-ext:VictimContactInformation>)

The Victim Contact Information element lists contact information (phone, e-mail) for a victim in the notification (<nc:ContactInformation>) is the core element.

Victim Location (<vn-ext:VictimLocation>)

The Victim Location element defines an address for a victim in the notification. (<nc:Location>) is the core element. The parent type (<vn-ext:VNLocationType>) can be used as is or extended, based on the implementation.

<vn-ext:NoKnownAddressIndicator>: True indicates that there is no known address for this person.

5. Structures Schema

The VN IEPD Structures Schema provides collection objects to support the messaging requirements of the VN Service. There are five collection types in the schema.

Associations (<vn-structures:RelatedAssociations>)

<vn-ext:VictimLocationAssociation>: Association between a victim and his or her address.

<vn-ext:OffenderLocationAssociation>: Association between the offender/justice-involved individual and his or her address.

<vn-ext:ActivityPersonLocationAssociation>: Association between a person involved in the event—other than the offender/justice-involved individual or a victim—and his or her address.

<vn-ext:SendingAgencyLocationAssociation>: Association between the sending agency and its address.

<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyLocationAssociation>: Association between the receiving agency and its address.

<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyLocationAssociation>: Association between an agency involved in the event—other than the sending or receiving agencies—and its address.

<vn-ext:ActivityLocationAssociation>: Association between the event and an address.

<vn-ext:VictimContactInformationAssociation>: Association between a victim to be notified and his or her contact information.

<vn-ext:OffenderContactInformationAssociation>: Association between the offender/justice-involved individual and his or her contact information.

<vn-ext:ActivityPersonContactInformationAssociation>: Association between a person involved in the event—other than the offender/justice-involved individual or a victim—and his or her contact information.

<vn-ext:SendingAgencyContactInformationAssociation>: Association between the sending agency and its contact information.

<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyContactInformationAssociation>: Association between the receiving agency and its contact information.

<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyContactInformationAssociation>: Association between an agency involved in the event—other than the sending or receiving agencies—and its contact information.

<vn-ext:OffenderGangAssociation>: Association between the offender/justice-involved individual in the case and a gang.

<vn-ext:PersonActivityInvolvementAssociation>: Association between a person involved in the event—other than the offender/justice-involved individual or a victim—and the event itself.

<vn-ext:ActivityInvolvedOrganizationAssociation>: Association between an agency involved in the event—other than the sending or receiving agencies—and the event itself.

Contact Information (<vn-structures:RelatedContactInformation>)

<vn-ext:VictimContactInformation>: Contact information for a victim to be notified.

<vn-ext:OffenderContactInformation>: Contact information for the offender/justice-involved individual in the case.

<vn-ext:SendingAgencyContactInformation>: Contact information for the sending agency.

<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyContactInformation>: Contact information for the receiving agency.

<vn-ext:ActivityPersonContactInformation>: Contact information for a person involved in the event—other than the offender/justice-involved individual or a victim.

<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyContactInformation>: Contact information for an agency involved in the event—other than the sending or receiving agencies.

Locations (<vn-structures:RelatedLocations>)

<vn-ext:VictimLocation>: The victim's address.

<vn-ext:OffenderLocation>: The offender's/justice-involved individual's address.

<vn-ext:SendingAgencyLocation>: The sending agency's address.

<vn-ext:ReceivingAgencyLocation>: The receiving agency's address.

<vn-ext:ActivityPersonLocation>: The address of a person involved in the event—other than the offender/justice-involved individual or a victim.

<vn-ext:ActivityAgencyLocation>: The address of an agency involved in the event—other than the sending or receiving agencies.

<vn-ext:ActivityLocation>: The address where the event occurred.

Organizations (<vn-structures:RelatedOrganizations>)

<vn-ext:SendingAgency>: Information about the agency sending the message.

<vn-ext:ReceivingAgency>: Information about the agency receiving the message.

<vn-ext:ActivityAgency>: Information about an agency involved in the event—other than the sending or receiving agencies.

<vn-ext:Gang>: Information about a gang with which the offender/justice-involved individual is affiliated.

People (<vn-structures:RelatedPeople>)

<vn-ext:Victim>: Information about a victim to be notified.

<vn-ext:Offender>: Information about the offender/justice-involved individual in the case.

<vn-ext:ActivityPerson>: Information about a person involved in the event—other than the offender/justice-involved individual or a victim.

6. Codes Schema

The VN IEPD Codes Schema provides enumerated list structures to support the messaging requirements of the VN Service. The VN Service exchange has five custom enumerated lists.

For more information, please refer to the VN Service Message Processing Requirements document included in the VN IEPD.

<vn-codes:EventType>: An event in which the message submission originates in this type of agency.

<vn-codes:EventSubtype>: A further categorization of the event type.

<vn-codes:NotificationType>: A general categorization of the type of message submitted.

<vn-codes:NotificationSubtype>: A further categorization of the notification type.

<vn-codes:NotificationValidation>: The validation criteria that the victim information and notification system should use to process the message.

7. Mapping

For information regarding the mapping of specific entities and data elements to NIEM components, please refer to the VN IEPD Mapping document included in this package.

Appendix A—Glossary

Accessory	A person who assists in the commission of a crime.
Accused	A person accused of committing a crime.
Acquittal	A legal finding that a criminal defendant has not been proven guilty of the charge(s) beyond a reasonable doubt.
Action	A civil or criminal court proceeding.
Adjournment	A delay in the proceeding of a case.
Adjudicate	To render a decision through the use of judicial authority.
Admissible Evidence	Evidence that is relevant and proper for consideration in reaching a decision in court. Pretrial hearings are often held to allow the judge to make this determination.
Adversary	The opposite party in a criminal action.
Adversary System	A procedure in which contesting parties present a case before an independent decision-maker.
Affidavit	A written statement of facts made under oath before a notary or court officer having the authority to administer oaths.
Affirmed	A finding of agreement with the trial judge's rulings or sentence by an appellate court.
Aggravating Circumstances	A fact or situation that increases the degree of liability for a criminal act; considered by the court in imposing punishment.
AKA, Alias	"Also Known As"; an assumed name.
Allegation	Fact asserted as truth before being proven as true; most commonly, the criminal acts alleged to have been committed by the accused.
Amendment	The correction of an error.
Answer	A formal written statement by a defendant responding to each allegation in a complaint.
Appeal	A written request to a higher court to review the sentence or judgment of a lower court.
Appearance	The proceeding by which a defendant submits himself to the court, either in person or through his attorney.
Appellant	The party appealing a decision or judgment to a higher court.
Appellate Court	A court having jurisdiction to review and determine whether the rulings and judgments of a lower court are correct.
Appellee	The party against whom the appeal is brought.

Arraignment	The first appearance in court by a person who is charged with an offense, where he or she is advised of all pending charges, is asked to plead guilty or not guilty to the charges, is advised of the right to counsel, and is advised of the right to trial by jury.
Arrest	Taking physical custody of a person by lawful authority.
Assault	A violent attack that can be physical, sexual, or verbal.
Asset	Anything of value that can be used to satisfy an order for restitution, fines, or other costs imposed by the court.
Asset Forfeiture	A procedure by which a person's property is seized for payment of a judgment.
Attachment	A procedure by which a person's property is seized by the court to secure payment of a judgment.
Attend, Right to	The right to attend a hearing or trial equates to the right to be physically present in the hearing room during the course of the proceeding. Also known as the right to be present.
Bail Bond	An agreement by a surety to pay a certain sum of money if the defendant fails to appear in court.
Bail Hearing	A hearing to determine whether an incarcerated defendant or convicted offender/justice-involved individual will be released from custody and to determine what amount (if any) he/she must pay as a bond to assure his/her presence at future proceedings.
Bailiff	A court attendant whose duties include keeping order in the courtroom and maintaining custody of the jury.
Bench Trial	A trial before a judge without a jury; a jury trial is waived by the defendant.
Beyond a Reasonable Doubt	The degree of proof needed for a judge or jury to convict a person accused of a crime.
Bond	A guarantee, generally backed with the promise of payment, that a defendant will appear in a court as required.
BPMN	Business Process Modeling Notation.
Brief	A written statement of the case.
Burden of Proof	The obligation of a party to prove facts at issue in the trial. In criminal cases, the state has the burden of proof.
Burglary	The unlawful entering of a home or business.
Capital Offense	A crime for which the death penalty may be imposed.
Case	A proceeding, action, cause, suit, or controversy initiated through the court system.
Case Law	The collection of reported cases that interprets the law within a jurisdiction.

Challenge	An objection to the seating of a prospective juror on the jury panel.
Chambers	A judge's private office.
Change of Venue	The transfer of a pending case from one court of jurisdiction to another.
Charge	A formal accusation of a crime, the preliminary step to prosecution.
Circuit Court	The primary trial court where juries hear felony criminal cases as well as civil lawsuits.
Circumstantial Evidence	Evidence based on inference and not on personal knowledge or observation.
Citation	A police-issued order to appear before a judge on a given date to defend against a stated charge, usually a lesser offense such as a traffic violation.
Civil Law	Law that is not criminal law; pertains to the settlement of disputes between individuals.
Civil Rights	Rights guaranteed by the constitution.
Code	An official compilation of all permanent laws in use, classified according to subject matter.
Commit	To lawfully send a person to a prison, reformatory, institution, or mental health facility.
Common Law	The body of law based on the English legal system, derived from judicial decisions, and to which no constitution or statute applies.
Community Service	As a condition of probation, the court can order the defendant to perform a certain number of hours of community services, such as cleaning public property, assisting needy people, custodial work, etc.
Commutation	A change of punishment from a greater to a lesser degree, e.g., from death to life imprisonment.
Competency	A defendant's ability to stand trial, consult with counsel, and assist in the defense.
Complaint	A formal charge accusing a person of an offense.
Composite	A picture of the assailant made from an artist's drawing.
Concurrent	Two or more sentences of jail time to be served simultaneously.
Consecutive	A sentence that must follow another sentence. Two or more sentences served in sequence.
Contempt of Court	Willful disobedience of a court order or rule, punishable by fine or imprisonment.
Continuance	A scheduled court event postponed for good cause.

Controlled Substance	Any type of drug whose possession and use is regulated by law, including narcotics, stimulants, or hallucinogens.
Conviction	A judgment of guilt against a criminal defendant.
Corpus Delicti	The facts and circumstances that make up the commission of a crime.
Corroborating Evidence	Evidence that may differ from, but tends to strengthen or confirm, evidence already given.
Corroborating Witness	A witness who confirms or supports someone else's testimony.
Counsel	One or more lawyers who represent a client.
Count	Each separate offense listed in a complaint, information, or indictment accusing a person of committing a crime.
Court	A governmental body consisting of one or more judges who sit to administer justice.
Court Cost	A fee that is added to a fine or penalty. The amount of court cost is set by law to support certain specified services.
Court Reporter	A person who records, and sometimes transcribes, the testimony at court sessions.
Crime	An act of harm made punishable by the law.
Crime Victim Reparations/Compensation	An action taken that authorizes distribution of funds and/or provide assistance to crime victims in certain circumstances.
Cross-Examination	The questioning of a witness by the attorney for the opposing party to verify or refute the testimony just given.
Custody	The detention of a person by lawful process or authority.
Damages	The monetary compensation recovered for a person who has suffered loss or injury to his person, property, or rights through the unlawful act or negligence of another.
Default	A judgment entered against a defendant who has not acted or appeared within the allowable time.
Defendant	The individual accused in a criminal action or sued in a civil proceeding.
Defense Attorney	A lawyer hired by the defendant, or provided by the Public Defender's Office, to represent the defendant's interests in criminal proceedings.
Deferred Prosecution	A delay during the prosecution of a case to allow the defendant a chance to demonstrate good behavior. If good behavior is demonstrated for the required period of time, the criminal case may be dismissed.
Delinquent	A child who has committed an offense which, if he or she were an adult, would be considered a crime.

Dependent	A person who requires the support by another. A child who is orphaned, neglected, or abused and in need of care. An elderly person or person with a disability who is in need of care.
Deposition	The recorded testimony of a witness, given under oath, for later use in court or for discovery purposes.
Detention Facility	A location, sometimes other than a jail, to afford secure custody for a person.
Detention Hearing	A hearing to determine whether an accused should be released prior to trial based on his or her threat to the community or probability of non-appearance at subsequent hearings.
Direct Examination	The first questioning of a witness by the attorney for the party who called the witness to testify.
Directed Verdict of Acquittal	Order by the judge of not guilty, based on the failure by the state to produce enough evidence to convict beyond a reasonable doubt.
Discovery	The process by which the prosecutor and defense attorney learn of the evidence that the other party will present at trial.
Dismissal	The termination of an action or claim without further hearing.
Dismissal Without Prejudice	Disposition of the case with the understanding that the case may be refiled.
Disposition	The final result of a criminal case. This may be by a finding of guilty, not guilty, acquittal, dismissal, or by a plea of guilty or no contest.
Docket	A formal record in which brief entries note all court proceedings and documents filed.
Double Jeopardy	The constitutional prohibition against being prosecuted twice for the same offense.
Due Process of Law	The philosophy of the law on what is fundamentally fair. The guarantee of fairness when the government seeks to deprive one of liberty or property.
Entrapment	The act of officers or agents of the government inducing a person to commit a crime not contemplated by him in order to later bring criminal prosecution against that person.
Evidence	Testimony, documents, and tangible objects that tend to prove or disprove the existence of an alleged fact.
Evidentiary Hearing	A hearing at which witnesses testify about the facts before the case can continue. Motions challenging arrests, search warrants, identifications, or confessions require this kind of hearing.
Ex Parte	A proceeding in which not all parties are present or given the opportunity to be heard.

Ex Post Facto	Any law which, in relation to the offense or its consequences, provides a different penalty than when the act occurred.
Exculpatory	Evidence tending to establish a defendant's innocence.
Execution	The act of carrying out or putting into effect (as a court order). The carrying out of a death sentence.
Exonerate	To relieve from responsibility; to show someone to be free of guilt.
Expert Witness	A witness qualified by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education to provide a scientific, technical, or other specialized opinion about the evidence or a fact issue.
Expungement	The removal of a conviction from a person's criminal record.
Extenuating Circumstances	Circumstances that render a crime less heinous or reprehensible than it would otherwise be.
Extradition	The formal process of delivering an alleged defendant/convicted offender in one state to the authorities of another state where that person has been accused or convicted of a crime.
Felony	A serious crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year or by death.
Fine	Monetary sanction for conviction in certain offenses. The amount of the fine is calculated according to the criminal code at the time of sentencing.
Forgery	The altering of material, or making false material, with the intent to defraud.
Fraud	A knowing misrepresentation of the truth, or concealment of a material fact, to induce another to act to his or her detriment.
Freedom of Information Act	Legislation which provides for making information held by governmental agencies available to the public, unless such information comes within one of the specific categories exempt from public disclosure. This Act requires agencies to make public certain information about their workings and work product.
Fugitive	A person who flees, evades, or escapes from arrest, prosecution, or imprisonment, by fleeing the jurisdiction or hiding.
Good Time	The credit awarded to a prisoner for good conduct, which can reduce the length of his or her sentence.

Grand Jury	A special panel of jurors selected to hear evidence against a person who is suspected of a crime, to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to bring that person to trial. If the grand jurors find sufficient evidence against the defendant, then an indictment (“true bill”) is returned formally charging the defendant with a particular crime. If the evidence is not sufficient, the grand jury finds a “no bill,” and no indictment is returned.
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Guilty	A verdict returned by a jury or judge finding that the defendant committed the crime(s). A plea that a defendant enters admitting that he or she committed the crime.
Habeas Corpus	A federal process and proceeding in which a prisoner challenges the lawfulness of his or her imprisonment. An action by way of writ of habeas corpus does not function to determine the prisoner’s guilt or innocence.
Heard, To Be	To make an oral statement during the course of a proceeding (i.e., provide an oral victim impact statement at a sentencing or parole hearing). The right to be heard also can be exercised through written victim impact statements and, in some jurisdictions, audiotaped, videotaped, and teleconferenced victim impact statements.
Hearing	An official proceeding similar to a trial, with one or more legal issues to be agreed upon or determined.
Hearsay	Evidence based on what the witness has heard someone else say, rather than what he or she has personally experienced.
Hospital	An institution providing medical and surgical treatment and nursing care for sick or injured people.
Hostile Witness	A witness who is biased against the examining party or who is unwilling to testify.
Hung Jury	A jury that cannot reach a verdict by the required voting margin.
Impeach	To introduce evidence to contradict testimony or to question credibility.
In Limine	Motion frequently used to limit issues or testimony before trial.
Inadmissible	That which, under the established rules of evidence, cannot be admitted or received in a judicial action.
Incarceration	Confined to jail or prison.
Indictment	The formal written accusation from a grand jury charging one or more persons with a crime.

Information	The formal written accusation made by a prosecuting attorney setting out criminal charges against the accused person.
Interlocutory	An order that relates to some intermediate matter in the case; any order other than a final order.
Interrogatories	A discovery procedure consisting of written questions about the case submitted by one party to the other party or witness. The answers to the interrogatories are usually given under oath.
Investigation	The process of collecting evidence by law enforcement officers or the prosecutor to determine whether a crime has been committed.
Jail	The local facility where persons in lawful custody are held. Defendants awaiting trial and defendants convicted of lesser crimes are held in jail, as opposed to prison.
Judgment	A court's final decision or determination of the rights and obligations of the parties in a case.
Jurisdiction	The power or authority of a court to hear and decide a case. It refers to the power over both the subject matter and the person being prosecuted.
Jury	A group of persons selected according to law and given the power to decide questions of fact and return a verdict in the case submitted to them.
Jury Instruction	A direction or guideline that a judge gives a jury concerning the law in the case.
Jury Trial	A trial before a judge and jury, as opposed to a bench trial before a judge alone.
Juvenile Intake Officer	An official of the juvenile court who screens juveniles charged with an offense to determine where to place them pending formal adjudication or informal disposition.
Lien	A claim or hold put on property for payment of a debt or performance of an obligation or duty.
Lineup	A group of five or six people who are viewed (in person or in photos) by a victim or witness in an attempt to identify the person who committed a crime.
Litigant	A party to a lawsuit.
Litigation	A case or lawsuit. The effort made in court by the attorneys towards a legal resolution.
Malicious Prosecution	An action instituted with the intent of injuring the defendant without probable cause.
Mandamus	A writ issued by a higher court to compel a lower court to perform mandatory duties correctly.

Mandate	A command, order, or direction, written or oral, which the court is authorized to give and a person is bound to obey.
Mandatory Term	A sentence set by law with no discretion for the judge to individualize punishment.
Manslaughter	The unlawful killing of another human being without express or implied intent to injure.
Material Witness	A witness who can testify about matters having some logical connection with the essential facts.
Miranda Warning	An initial warning given to a person who has been arrested, advising the individual of his or her constitutional rights.
Misdemeanor	A crime less serious than a felony that is punishable by fine, penalty, forfeiture, or confinement for a period not exceeding one year in a place other than the state penitentiary.
Mistrial	A trial that ends inconclusively because of procedural error or serious misconduct during the procedures, or because the jury cannot agree on a verdict.
Mitigating Circumstances	A series of factors that must be considered by the sentencing court when imposing sentence. They are factors that do not justify or excuse a wrongful act, but which reduce the degree of liability and therefore may reduce the punishment.
Moot	An issue that has no basis or relevance to the case at hand.
Motion	A written application to the court requesting an order or ruling in favor of the applicant.
Motion Hearing	A proceeding held in response to a motion when the judge rules on the motion.
Mug Shots	Pictures of people who have been arrested for a crime.
Negligent	Conduct, by act or omission, which breaches reasonable care and is the actual cause of an injury or property damage.
No Contest Plea	A plea that a defendant enters in court in which he or she does not contest the facts presented by the state, but does not admit guilt.
No True Bill	A legal decision dismissing charges against a defendant when the grand jury does not find enough evidence to charge the defendant with violating a law.
Nolle Prosequi	A Latin phrase meaning “not to wish to prosecute.” A legal notice that a case has been abandoned.
Nolo Contendere	A Latin phrase meaning “I do not wish to contend.” It is the same as a no contest plea.
Not Guilty Plea	A statement that a defendant enters at arraignment denying committing the crime(s).
Notice	An official means of providing information, in oral or written form, to an identified party regarding his or her rights or interests.

Notice of Appeal	A document filed with a court and served on the other parties, stating an intention to appeal a trial court's judgment or order.
Objection	A protest or argument made concerning the activity of the other party, i.e., prosecution or defense counsel, in court. The judge can overrule or sustain an objection.
Offender	The individual accused in a criminal action.
Opinion	A formal judicial statement of the legal reasoning upon which the judgment is based.
Oral Argument	A spoken presentation before a court supporting or opposing the legal issue being considered.
Order	A ruling or direction of a court or judge made or presented in writing.
Overrule	A court's denial of any motion or point raised to the court. To overturn or make a prior case void.
Parole	A conditional release from prison of a convicted person who has not served their full sentence. Parole may be revoked for failure to observe the conditions provided in the parole order.
Parole Revocation	When probable cause is found that an offender on parole has violated conditions of supervision, parole is revoked, and the offender is returned to custody.
Penalty	Punishment imposed on a defendant in the form of imprisonment or fine.
Perjury	Deliberate false testimony given under oath.
Personal Recognizance	Release of a defendant in a criminal case where the court takes the defendant's word that he or she will appear for a scheduled matter when told to appear.
Personal Surety Bond	A third party (the personal surety) provides the security for the defendant's appearance, either in money or property.
Plea	An accused person's formal response of guilty, not guilty, or no contest.
Plea Agreement	Written or unwritten statement of terms determined by the prosecutor and defendant to be a satisfactory disposition of the case.
Plea Bargaining	A process leading to a negotiated agreement between a prosecutor and a defendant, where the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser offense, or to one of multiple charges, in exchange for a more lenient sentence or a dismissal of the other charges.
Polling the Jury	A practice whereby the jurors are asked individually whether they agreed to the verdict.

Polygraph Exam	A test that uses a machine to measure changes in a person's heart rate, breathing rate, and blood pressure while being interrogated.
Preliminary Hearing	A court hearing to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to prosecute an accused person.
Preponderance of Evidence	In a civil case, the greater weight of evidence, which is more credible and convincing to the mind.
Present, To Be	The right to be present at a hearing equates to the right to be physically present in the hearing room during the course of a proceeding.
Pre-Release Center	Provides residential and nonresidential reentry services to convicted and sentenced individuals prior to their release from incarceration.
Presentence Report	Material prepared to assist the trial court in sentencing a criminal defendant after he or she has been convicted. Presentence reports usually include sentencing guidelines, plus information on prior arrests or convictions, employment history, and family background, and an analysis of impact of the crime on the victim(s).
Pretrial Diversion	A program that refers certain criminal defendants, before trial, to community programs such as job training, education, and counseling, which, if successfully completed, may lead to the dismissal of the charges.
Pretrial Hearing	A meeting where the parties to the action appear before the judge in an informal setting to attempt to reconcile the issues and potentially settle the case without necessity of trial.
Prison	State facilities where persons convicted of a felony are held.
Probable Cause	The amount of proof needed to determine that a crime occurred, and that the defendant committed the crime, in order to proceed with prosecution.
Probation	A court-imposed criminal sentence that, subject to stated conditions, releases a convicted person into the community instead of sending him or her to jail or prison.
Probation Officer	An employee who supervises the conduct of persons sentenced to probation.
Probation Revocation	The overturn of a sentence by a judge when a probationer is found to have violated the terms of the sentence. The judge can revoke the probation and incarcerate the person for the remainder of the probation period or some portion of it.
Probation Revocation Hearing	A hearing held for the purpose of determining whether the person on probation has violated the conditions of his or her probation.

Prosecution	The act of pursuing a criminal trial. The party initiating a criminal trial.
Prosecutor	The attorney for the state who represents the interest of the state in court.
Quash	To annul or make void; to terminate.
Rape	Unlawful sexual activity with a person without consent and usually by force or threat of injury.
Reasonable Doubt	The belief that there is a real possibility that a defendant is not guilty.
Rebuttal	In-court contradiction of the other party's evidence.
Remand	To send back a case, claim, or person for further action.
Restitution	Return of some specific thing to its rightful owner or status. Reimbursement for benefits derived from a wrong done to another.
Reversal	Setting aside, annulling, vacating, or changing to the contrary the decision of a lower court or other body.
Revocation	The overturning or resending of a sentence by a court when there has been a violation of the terms or conditions.
Robbery	The illegal taking of property in the person's presence, by violence or intimidation.
SAVIN	Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification.
SBU	Sensitive but Unclassified.
Seal	To prohibit or restrict access to a criminal history record, except as authorized in law.
Search Warrant	A judge's written order authorizing a law-enforcement officer to conduct a search of a specified place and to seize specific evidence.
Secure State Correctional Facility	State facilities where a person convicted of a felony is held.
Self-Defense	The use of force to protect one's person, family, or property from real or threatened attack.
Sentence	The judgment imposed on a criminal defendant.
Sentence, Indeterminate	An indefinite sentence with the exact terms to be determined by parole authorities within the minimum and maximum limits set by the statute.
Sentence, Suspended	A sentence postponed so that the defendant is not required to serve time unless he or she commits another crime or violates a court-imposed condition.
Sentencing	The court action held after a conviction or guilty plea of a defendant at which time the judge sets the length and conditions of punishment.

Sentencing Guidelines	A set of standards that show a range of sentencing options based on the nature of the crime and the offender's criminal history. The court must sentence within the calculated guideline range unless it finds aggravating or mitigating circumstances not adequately considered when the guidelines were created.
Settlement	An agreement ending a dispute or lawsuit before trial.
Severance	A separation of the charges so that only one charge, or only properly related charges, are before the jury. Severance also may refer to the separation of two or more defendants named in the same indictment or information who normally would be tried together.
State Correctional Institution	State facilities where a person convicted of a felony is held.
Statute of Limitations	A legal time limit for prosecuting a crime, based on the date when the offense occurred.
Stay	To postpone or halt a proceeding, judgment, or imposition of sentence.
Stipulation	Any agreement made by the attorneys engaged on opposite sides of a case as to certain facts of the case.
Striking a Juror	The process where an attorney excuses a prospective juror from the list of candidates to sit on the jury.
Subpoena	A written command given to a witness to appear and give testimony.
Summons	An order that notifies the person named that an action has been commenced against him or her in the court, and that he or she is required to appear and answer the complaint.
Supervised Release	A conditional release from jail or prison which allows defendants/convicted offenders to remain in the community under certain conditions and restrictions under the supervision of officers of the court.
Supreme Court	At the state level, the highest court with appellate jurisdiction. In the federal system, it is the court of last resort, with final appellate jurisdiction in cases from all lower courts.
Sustain	A court's upholding of any motion or point raised to the court.
Testimony	Oral evidence given by a witness under oath.
Tort	A legal (civil and criminal) wrong committed upon a person or property.
Transcript	The official translation of the court reporter's verbatim notes of the proceedings in court.
Transitional Living Center	A facility that provides room and board for persons requiring a supervised living environment and on-site social services.

Treatment Facility	A residential or nonresidential facility or program licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide treatment of substance abuse or mental illness according to the law or jurisdiction in which treatment is received.
Trial	A court proceeding where testimony is presented to a judge or a jury to determine whether the defendant is guilty of committing the crime(s).
Trial Court	A court of law where cases are tried.
True Bill	Another word for indictment by a grand jury.
Vacate	To cancel the entry of an order or judgment.
Vacated Judgment	The original order is reversed and no longer applies.
Venue	The court location where the prosecution and trial will occur, normally within the district in which the offense was committed.
Verdict	The formal decision or finding made by the jury or judge.
Victim	An individual who suffers direct physical, financial, and/or emotional harm; or is threatened as a result of the commission of a crime.
Victim Impact Statement	A statement that describes the emotional, financial, and/or physical impact the crime has had for the victim and/or the victim's family.
Victim/Witness Coordinator	A person who provides information about the justice process to victims and witnesses of crime.
Voir Dire	The preliminary examination of a juror to determine his or her competency or impartiality to serve on a jury.
Waive	To give up a right, claim, or privilege voluntarily.
Warrant	A written order directing certain action, especially one directing the arrest of a person, issued by a court or official, having authority to issue arrest warrants.
Willful	An act done intentionally, as distinguished from an act done carelessly or inadvertently.
Witness	Someone who has personal knowledge concerning the case in question and may be asked to testify to that knowledge.
Writ	An order issued by the court directing an individual to perform, or cease to perform, a certain act.
Writ of Certiorari	An order by an appellate court directing a lower court to deliver the record in the case for review.
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WS-RM	Web Services Reliable Messaging.

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