



Deferred Prosecution

Deferred prosecution is the practice wherein a court gives an arrestee the chance to prove that their poor conduct is unlikely to be repeated. If granted, the arrestee agrees not to commit any crimes for the next year and is sometimes ordered to participate in treatment or another intervention that addresses the person's underlying needs. If the person is crime-free at the end of a year, the charges are dismissed. If the person *does* commit another crime within the year, the original prosecution is revived and pursued along with a prosecution for the new crime.

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