

Santa Cruz County Criminal Defense Conflicts Program Case Types

ADULT CRIMINAL CASES

CLASS 1 - MISDEMEANOR

DESCRIPTION: Cases where only misdemeanor crimes are charged.

CLASS 2 - NON-SERIOUS FELONY

DESCRIPTION: Cases where the most serious crime charged is a non-"serious" felony, including extradition cases. "Serious" felonies are listed in Penal Code Section 1192.7.

CLASS 3 - SERIOUS FELONY

DESCRIPTION: Cases where the most serious crime charged is a "serious" felony as defined by Penal Code Section 1192.7, except those falling into the specific definition of Class 4 or Death Penalty.

CLASS 4 - HOMICIDES/COMPLEX SERIOUS FELONIES, LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE

DESCRIPTION: Cases where the most serious crime charged is murder and the death penalty will not be sought or determined not to be likely by the Administrator after review of available police reports; or, the case involves a serious complex felony.

CLASS 5 - DEATH PENALTY/SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

DESCRIPTION: Cases where the most serious crime charged is murder, special circumstances are alleged and the District Attorney indicates death is being sought.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES

CLASS 1 - MISDEMEANOR

DESCRIPTION: Cases where only misdemeanor crimes are charged or a Section 777 petition is filed and not consolidated with another petition.

CLASS 2 - NON-SERIOUS FELONY

DESCRIPTION: Cases where the most serious crime charged is a "non-serious" felony as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code section 707B.

CLASS 3 - SERIOUS FELONY

DESCRIPTION: Cases where the most serious crime charged is a "serious" felony as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code section 707b.

CLASS 4 - JUVENILE HOMICIDES/COMPLEX SERIOUS FELONIES

DESCRIPTION: Fitness cases where the most serious crime charged is murder or the case involves a serious complex felony.