

Spokane Regional Law & Justice Glossary

Acronym	Meaning	Definition
5177	5177 Diversion	The 5177 Diversion Program references a state bill that funds this initiative. The program, which relies on a partnership between Detention Services and Community Services, requires individuals to comply with intensive case management for their charges to be dismissed. There is a limited list of eligible charges for the program.
AOC	Administrative Office of the Courts	AOC helps support Washington state courts by developing operational budgets, evaluating judicial system functionality, maintaining the Judicial Information System, providing continuing education for judges, compiling statewide court statistics, maintaining a statewide electronic court record database, providing information to the judicial community, other branches of government and the public. For more information: https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/aocwho/ .
Arraignment		Initial court hearing during which the individual enters a plea of guilty or not guilty.
Book and Release		Municipal and District Courts have entered separate general orders authorizing the release of individuals who are brought to jail by law enforcement for enumerated charges according to a bail schedule. The eligible charges consist primarily of non-violent misdemeanors. Felony charges, along with domestic violence and DUI charges are not included in the orders.
BW	Bench Warrant	Warrant issued by a judge to law enforcement for someone's arrest. BWs in Spokane are commonly ordered when an individual fails to appear for court.
CHW	Community Health worker	
CIT	Crisis Intervention Training	
Citation		A law enforcement issued order to appear before a judge on a certain date for a particular charge. Depending on the charge, citations may be used in lieu of custodial arrest (and jail booking).
CP	Confined Population	
DOC	Department of Corrections	
DUI	Driving under the influence	
DV	Domestic Violence	
DWI	Driving while intoxicated	
DWLS	Driving with a suspended license	
ECR	Early case resolution	A special docket that is established to resolve straightforward cases sooner than a traditional docket. In Spokane, there is an ECR docket for individuals released pre-trial, as well as individuals in jail.
ED	Emergency Department	
EHM	Electronic home monitoring	
EM	Electronic monitoring	

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FA	First Appearance	An initial hearing that must occur no more than 72 hours after an individual's arrest. The judicial officer reviews the charges and determines conditions of release, such as bail, no contact order, released on own recognizance, etc.
Felony		A crime that is punishable by a sentence of incarceration that is greater than a year. A felony sentence is served in a prison.
FTA	Failure to Appear	Failure to appear for a scheduled court hearing.
FTC	Failure to Comply	Failure to comply with a condition of probation/community supervision.
GEI	Geiger Corrections Center	
Gross Misdemeanor		A serious misdemeanor, but not a felony.
HARPS	Housing & Recovery through Peer Services	
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement	
LEAD	Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion	
LERMS	Law Enforcement Records Management System	
LFO	Legal Financial Obligation	
LOS	Length of Stay	Length of stay in jail.
MAT	Methadone Assisted Treatment	
MHCSF	Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Facility	
MI	Motivational interviewing	Evidence based interviewing technique that grew out of Substance Use treatment. It is designed to increase personal awareness of consequences, problems and risks associated with an individual's behavior.
Misdemeanor		A crime that is less serious than a felony. A misdemeanor can be sentenced to a fine or period of incarceration that is less than one year. A misdemeanor sentence can be served in a County jail.
Naphcare	Naphcare, Inc.	Medical Service Provider contracted with Spokane County to provide medical services to individuals incarcerated in the Spokane County jail (Downtown & Geiger).
NCA	New Criminal Activity	
NVCA	New Violent Criminal activity	
OPTS	Office of Pre-trial Services	
OR	Own Recognizance	See also, Release on Own Recognizance. This is a release decision made by the Court in which the Court releases an individual based on their promise that they will appear in court on a scheduled date and time to resolve the matter. In Spokane, judges make this release decision in accordance with Court Rule 3.2.
OR Eval	Own Recognizance Evaluation	This is an evaluation compiled by OPTS following an interview with an individual booked in jail, and a review of the criminal history. The OR Evaluation includes additional information about the individual such as employment history, community ties, and income. OPTS provides the evaluation to all parties to inform the Court's release decision.

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ORAS	Ohio Risk Assessment System	An actuarial risk and needs assessment tool developed by the University of Cincinnati. Marketed use for pre-trial, community supervision, prison intake, and reentry.
PC	Probable Cause	Probable Cause is the standard of proof required to obtain an arrest warrant and/or execute an arrest under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Legal cases have defined PC as "more than a hunch" but less than what is required for a conviction.
PCS	Possession of a Controlled Substance	
PD	Public Defender	
PSA	Public Safety Assessment	A pre-trial risk assessment tool, developed by the Arnold Foundation. The tool provides risk scores for Failure to Appear (FTA), New Criminal Activity (NCA), and New Violent Criminal Activity (NVCA). The tool is non-proprietary. It was implemented in Spokane 4/2/2019.
RCW	Revised Code of Washington	
RE/REC	Racial Equity Committee	The Racial Equity Committee is one of several committees created under the Spokane Regional Law & Justice Council, a criminal justice advisory body. The Committee, comprised of systems professionals and community members, meets monthly.
RNR	Risk Needs Responsivity	An evidence based model to reduce recidivism. A central component of the principle is that individuals should be assessed based on the level of risk and resources should be focused on high risk populations.
ROR	Release on own recognizance	See "Own Recognizance"
SCSO	Spokane County Sheriff's Office	
Secured Bond		An agreement that requires an individual to pay money (or property) before being released from jail before trial.
SJC	Safety & Justice Challenge	A grant awarded by the MacArthur Foundation to support local jurisdictions safely reduce jail size, address racial and ethnic disparities, and increase community engagement.
SOC	Stipulated Order of Continuance	An agreement, signed by the individual facing charges, that the case against them will be dismissed upon completion of the conditions outlined in the agreement.
SPD	Spokane Police Department	
SRC	Spokane Resource Center	A recently launched initiative by the City, where multiple services providers are co-located in a single building. Services provided at the SRC include, but are not limited to: supportive housing, medical referrals, behavioral health services. The SRC is open during business hours M-F and is located at 130 S. Arthur.

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SRLJC	Spokane Regional Law & Justice Council	The Spokane Regional Law & Justice Council is a criminal justice advisory body, created pursuant to state law (RCW 72.09.300). In Spokane, the Council includes regional leaders, criminal justice practitioners, and four community representatives. The Council meets monthly and the meetings are public.
SUD	Substance Use Disorder	
Surety Bond		A third person promises to pay money or property if the individual facing charges violates conditions of the bond.
Trueblood		Also referred to as Trueblood v. DSHS. This lawsuit was brought in 2014 for violating the United States Constitution by not evaluating the competency of criminal defendants with mental illness or giving them timely treatment to restore competency to stand trial. In April 2015, the Federal District Court found that the State violated the constitutional rights of class members and ordered the State to comply with the law. The State struggled to do so and was forced to pay over \$60 million dollars in contempt fines. In 2018, the parties entered into a settlement agreement. Funds from the Settlement agreement will be distributed to phased regions over the course of several years. The Spokane Region will receive funds during the first phase of the settlement.
Unsecured Bond		An individual facing charges signs a contract promising to pay the bond if the individual violates conditions of release. In other words, the individual does not have to pay money to be released from jail.
Uptrust		A court date reminder text messaging system, currently used by the County Public Defender's Office.
WAC	Washington Administrative Code	
WASPC	Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs	WASPC was created to provide specific materials and services to all state law enforcement agencies. (See RCW 36.28A.010). See also: https://www.waspc.org/
WC	Work Crew	A jail or prison program where individuals can work on various projects/assignments during the day while supervised by correctional staff. In Spokane, Work Crew participants complete a variety of assignments, including clean-up after Bloomsday and Hoopfest. The Spokane Work Crew program runs out of Geiger Corrections.
WR	Work Release	A jail or prison program that allows someone who is soon to be released, to work a job outside of the correctional center, and then return to the facility outside of work hours. Typically, the jail or prison transports individuals to and from work. In Spokane, the Work Release program runs out of Geiger Corrections.
WSP	Washington State Patrol	