

MHC	Mental Health Court
NCF	No Charges Filed
COMPEH	Competency Evaluation Hearing - the hearing at which the court determines if the defendant is competent after being evaluated by Western State Hospital doctors
MHICA	Mental Health In Custody Arraignment
MHOCA	Mental Health Out of Custody Arraignment
Dismissed without prejudice	charges are dismissed but can be refiled by the prosecutor at a later date
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Deferred Sentence	A plea of guilty is entered, and the client is given a set of conditions to meet. If client meets all conditions required by the court, the court will dismiss the case. Charges will show as dismissed in Seattle, but will still show as a conviction on the state's criminal history database.
PTH or MHPH	Mental Health Pre-Trial Hearing - A hearing which occurs after arraignment and before a disposition is reached. At these hearings, competency may need to be assessed, a defendant may be placed on Conditions of Release, or other negotiations about the case may take place.
Dispositional Continuance	This is an agreement to continue the case. Client maintains a not guilty plea but gives up all trial rights. Client agrees to follow conditions set by the court and the client is monitored by probation. If all conditions are completed, charges are dismissed
COR	Conditions Of Release - these are conditions the court places on the defendant in order to stay out of custody. They are implemented as a client considers having their case in MHC, but before they opt-in. It is also an opportunity for MHC staff (defense and mental health court liaison) to see if a client can be successful in MHC. Conditions of release are almost identical to the conditions that a client would be on if placed on probation in MHC.
COS	Conditions Of Sentence - Probation conditions that a client must follow once he/she has opted-in to MHC.
...and close	When a client is given a certain number of days of jail "and close," this means that there is no probation attached to the case. Once the client has completed the jail time, the case is over.
...and strike	On probation cases - if a client is given a certain number of jail days "and strike," this means that upon completion of the jail days, the active probation conditions are stricken (ie client no longer has to report to the probation department or do court ordered treatment). Passive conditions, such as no criminal law violations or abstain from drugs/alcohol, may still apply.
revoking days	When a client is on probation and violates a condition of probation, the court may impose jail time as a sanction for non-compliance. This is called "revoking" a number of days in jail.
Category 3 probation	The case is monitored by probation, but the client does not officially opt in. This is for clients with mental health needs, but who are not able to meet the requirements of MHC or do not need the more intense services and structure. Requirements are less than those for clients opting in to MHC. In general, a mental health evaluation is ordered and a client's participation in that treatment is monitored by probation. However, unlike MHC, random UAs are not automatically imposed (though they can be used if the court orders an "abstain" condition), and the client does not have as frequent review hearings or meetings with probation.
D&D	Dismiss & Detain - a client's criminal case is dismissed on competency grounds, and the client must be evaluated for civil commitment by DMHPs within 72 hours.
OTA	Order To Appear - a notice for a future court date issued when a client does not show up for court. Generally, an OTA is mailed to the client's last known address, and defense does its best to get in contact with the client or a case manager to try to get client to the next court date. If the client does not show up at the next court date, a bench warrant usually issues.
4999	A client is in another institution receiving treatment (e.g. on a civil hold or receiving medical tx). This is a numeric code used by the jail to indicate that the client is in another facility.
Look/See	Hearing to assess if a client is eligible for and interested in MHC.
VUCSA	Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
NCO	No Contact Order
ITA	Involuntary Treatment Act- A client is gravely disabled and/or a danger to self/others, and is civilly held until a discharge plan is reached.
DNC	Dismiss Not Competent
FTA	Failure To Appear
DOC	Department Of Corrections
Pretrial diversion	For clients with no or minimal criminal history. This is a diversion where the client is ordered to complete 8 community service hours and have no criminal law violations for 3 months. If the client is successful, the case is dismissed.
D&R	Dismiss & Refer - When a client is found not competent, and the case is deemed a "serious offense," but the City cannot seek competency restoration, a client's criminal case is dismissed and the client is referred to WSH. WSH has three days to pick client up from the jail and assess for civil commitment.

Not restorable	After receiving psychiatric medications for a period of time, a client cannot be restored to a level of legal competency
DMHP	Designated Mental Health Professional (Civil Commitment Professionals)
FISH	Forensic Intensive Supportive Housing- in order for someone to be eligible for FISH they must be not competent, homeless, a D&D case, and committed a non-violent crime, or be referred by the VA.
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment
FACT	Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (part of SMH)
PACT	Psychiatric Assertive Community Treatment (part of DESC or SMH)
DESC	Downtown Emergency Service Center (many services available here)
PR	Personal Recognizance: a client is released to appear back in court on their own
Arraignment	This is a formal reading of charges and a first opportunity to enter a plea.
Speedy trial waiver	A defendant has a right to a speedy trial (trial within 60 days of arraignment when the client is in custody, and within 90 days of arraignment when the client is out of custody). Arraignment starts the speedy trial clock, which can later be tolled if competency becomes an issue.
Toll	"Tolling" means that the clock stops running. When competency is ordered pre-adjudication, the speedy trial clock "tolls" while the competency evaluation is pending. When a client is found not competent while he/she is on probation, then the court's jurisdiction "tolls," meaning that the court no longer has jurisdiction over the client until he/she is found competent again.
Stayed	If a client is on probation and they are found not competent, the allegation gets stricken and the probation gets "stayed." Probation tolls, and a client is no longer bound by probation conditions. If, at a later date, a client is found to be competent again, probation will begin again.
EHM	Electronic Home Monitoring
MRO	More Restrictive Order
LRO	Less Restrictive Order
DIJ	Dismissed in Interest of Justice
WAC	Washington Administration Codes
COMPRH	Competency Restoration Hearing - a hearing to see if psychiatric treatment has restored a client's competency to proceed.
Restorable crime	A "serious offense" as defined in RCW 10.77 that qualifies an incompetent person to be sent for restoration treatment at WSH.
SNU	Special Needs Unit of the Dept of Corrections
DD	Developmentally Disabled
CD	Chemical Dependency
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
MHWARR	Mental Health Warrant
MHREV	Mental Health Review
CERT	?