

Local Juvenile Court Rule 7.12  
DISPOSITIONAL HEARING - OFFENDER PROCEEDINGS

(A) Time. If the respondent pleads guilty or is found guilty of the allegations in the information, the court shall enter its findings upon the record and proceed immediately to the disposition unless:

1. The court believes additional information is necessary, or
2. The court believes additional time is needed to determine an appropriate custody or living situation, or
3. Commitment is to be considered and additional time is necessary to seek alternatives, or
4. The court deems a continuance is otherwise necessary.

(B) Sources. Predispositional reports may be ordered by the court from one or more of the following sources:

1. The Benton-Franklin County Juvenile court staff;
2. The Prosecuting Attorney;
3. The defense counsel; and
4. Any other source that can provide relevant and material information on the issue off an appropriate disposition.

(C) Form. All predispositional reports will address the various factors required by RCW 13.40.150. All predispositional reports should present alternatives to commitment in those cases, which it may appear that public security can be accomplished, and the offender's behavior altered by such an alternative. All reports shall be provided to the court and counsel no later than two (2) days prior to the dispositional hearing.

(D) Restitution, Court Costs and Victim's Assessment. The court shall address the Respondent's ability to pay, make inquiry pursuant to current status of the law, and may receive information from the juvenile justice staff, to assist in the determination of the amount of restitution, court costs and victim's assessment. The court shall fix the amount of restitution, court costs and victim's assessment at the dispositional hearing or subsequent hearing.

(E) Manifest Injustice Findings. If the court imposes a sentence based upon a finding of manifest injustice, the court shall set forth those portions of the record material to the disposition.

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