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**SUBJECT**

Procedure of bench trials

**CASE NO.**

Bench Trial pamphlet.

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## Bench Trial Procedure

Within this document, the recipient shall find the necessary information to host, participate or observe a bench trial, as carried out by a member of the judiciary chamber of the Department of Justice.

The bench trial is an alternative to the procedure of which a detainee is determined guilty in the eyes of the state.

A bench trial is held within a courtroom, residing in the state of San Andreas, and is overseen by a judge of the judicial chambers, that has been appointed by the Attorney General and Supreme Court Justice.

A Judge may sit for bench trial as and when they see fit but should be for no less than one (1) hour. The Judge should ensure that a suitable defense representative is present, and should then announce the court is in session, over the department radio.

Any decision made by a Superior Court Judge, may be appealed through a scheduled hearing by the Supreme Court Justice. The decision of the Supreme Court Justice cannot be appealed.

A suspect may at any time request to have his right to a bench trial waived, following this said suspect should be immediately processed, and the twenty-five (25) minute timer resumes.

**Signed and officialized on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022**

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## **Bench trial procedures.**

- I. The detainee makes the request for legal representation, during hours of open court.
- II. The detaining officer, an officer appointed by, or a superior officer notifies the court of the suspects request for a bench trial.
- III. The detainee is brought to the Capitol, where the detainee shall be searched. Any contraband shall be logged and confiscated.
  - a. The detainee may be charged, according to the findings of the search.
- IV. The detaining officer shall bring the suspect to the court room, where they shall find a suitable place to sit, either to await their turn or to meet with the defense attorney to discuss defense proceedings.
- V. The prosecution has ten (IO) minutes in which to provide any evidence to the defense.
- VI. In relation to seating arrangements, the prosecution shall utilize the table closest to the door. The defense uses the table closest to the window.
- VII. The residing judge shall proceed to ask the suspect their name, and the prosecutions of the charges being brought.
- VIII. Both parties shall provide the residing judge with any material they wish to submit to evidence.
- IX. The prosecution may explain why the charges brought against the detainee is evident of the criminal offense.
- X. The defense will have the opportunity to respond to any accusations made against the detainee. They may represent the court with evidence of their own.
- XI. The prosecution may attest their closing statement, followed by the closing statement of that of the defendant.
- XII. The detainee may submit a statement of their own.
- XIII. The judge may, if they feel the need, call a five (5) minute recess, whereafter a verdict shall be delivered.