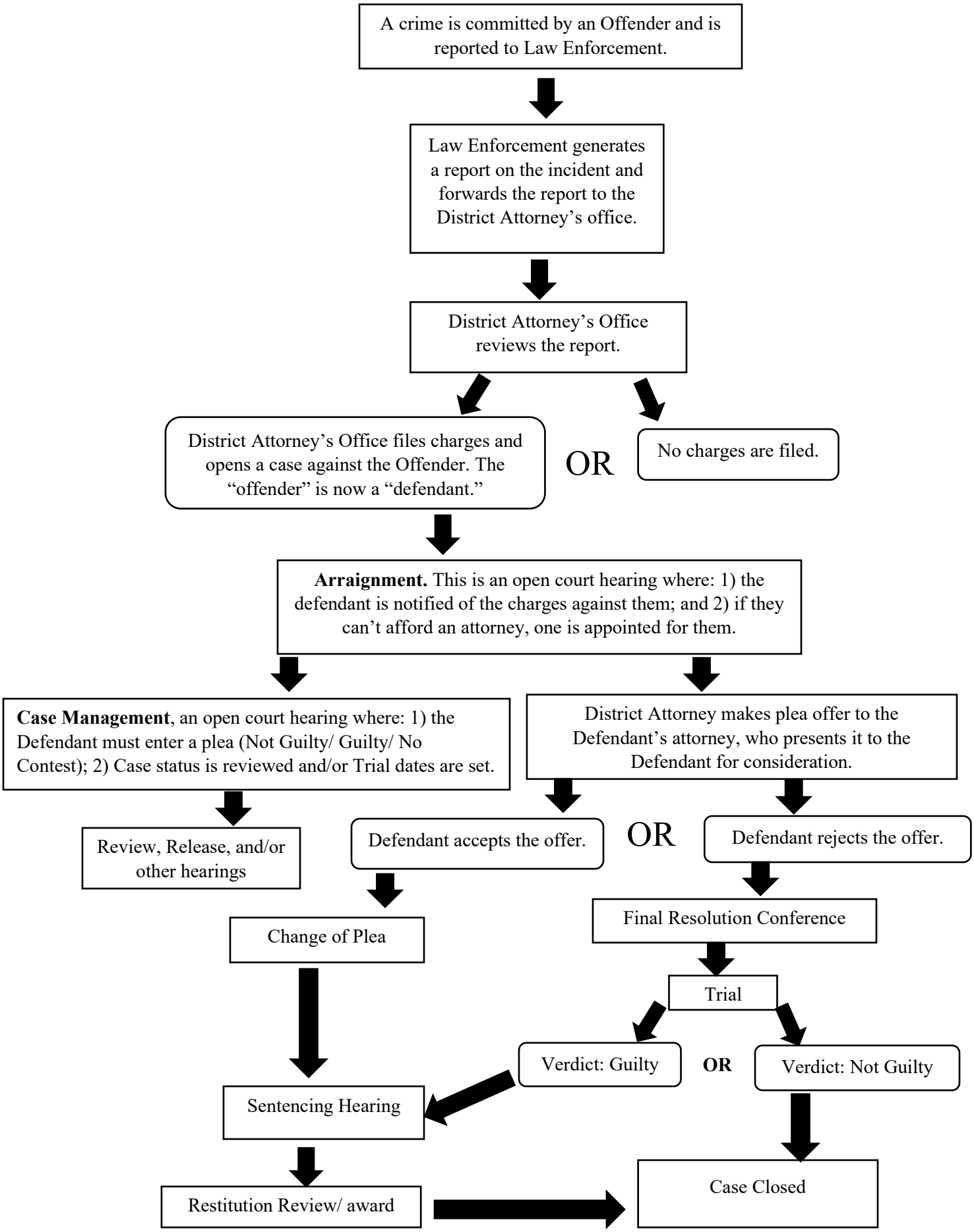
A crime is committed by an Offender and is reported to Law Enforcement.
Law Enforcement generates a report on the incident and forwards the report to the District Attorney's office.
District Attorney's Office reviews the report.
District Attorney's Office files charges and opens a case against the Offender. The "offender" is now a "defendant."
OR
No charges are filed.
Arraignment. This is an open court hearing where: 1) the defendant is notified of the charges against them; and 2) if they can't afford an attorney, one is appointed for them.
Case Management, an open court hearing where: 1) the Defendant must enter a plea (Not Guilty/ Guilty/ No Contest); 2) Case status is reviewed and/or Trial dates are set.
District Attorney makes plea offer to the Defendant's attorney, who presents it to the Defendant for consideration.
Review, Release, and/or other hearings
Defendant accepts the offer.
OR
Defendant rejects the offer.
Change of Plea
Final Resolution Conference
Trial
Verdict: Guilty
OR
Verdict: Not Guilty
Sentencing Hearing
Restitution Review/ award
Case Closed