

Review of Judgment and Sentences



A Judgment and Sentence establishes jurisdiction for Department of Corrections (DOC) to confine and/or supervise an individual. For incarcerated individuals, DOC calculates an earned release date, prison maximum expiration date, and a statutory maximum date. For supervised individuals, DOC calculates a scheduled end date and a statutory maximum date.

In order for DOC to carry out the sentence of the court, the following elements must be clearly and legibly written on the court documents as DOC is not in the courtroom for the discussions.

<p><i>Judgment and Sentence</i></p>	<p><u>Essential Elements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, Date of Birth, SID # • Cause #, Date of Sentence, <u>printed</u> name of judge • Offense(s) with RCW citation(s) and date of offense(s) • Finding Type(s) <p><u>Critical Elements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional sentence with Finding of Facts and Conclusions • Confinement length terms for each count, with an overall total for the sentence • Enhancement Terms/Mandatory Minimum Terms consecutive? • Is the court ordering credits for time served or deferring to the jail? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If ordering a specified # of days, include the dates of confinement. For example: 56 days from 3/17/2021 to 5/12/2021. • Offense(s) eligible for a term of community custody? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If yes, order a term for each count and ensure length is accurate for the offense. ○ Prison DOSA-additional term of community custody if reclassified?
<p><i>Amended Judgment and Sentence (Resentencing)</i></p>	<p>See essential/critical elements listed for Judgment and Sentence</p> <p>Does the order address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term of confinement for each count with an overall total term of confinement for the sentence • Mandatory/Minimums <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indicate if the court is exercising discretion to not impose • Concurrent/Consecutive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include a time start if changed from consecutive to concurrent • If the intent is that the sentence is served in full state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Defendant has fully served the sentence and is to be released” or can give a date for release. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Immediate release from the jail can only occur if the individual is only serving on the sentence that is resentenced or the sentence is the longest running sentence being served.
<p><i>New Judgment and Sentence following a Vacate Order (Resentencing)</i></p>	<p>See all the above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credits for time served • The jail shall calculate time the defendant has served in its custody on this matter prior to the date of this judgment and sentence. The Department of Corrections shall calculate the time the defendant has served in its custody on this matter prior to the date of this judgment and sentence. RCW 9.94A.505(6) (former RCW 9.94A.120).

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