

## **I.J.R. 17. Sentencing Hearing (J.C.A.)**

Idaho Juvenile Rule 17. Sentencing Hearing (J.C.A.)

(a) At the time the court finds that a juvenile is within the purview of the J.C.A. under I.J.R. 15 or the juvenile pleads guilty (admits) to the charge (petition), or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the court shall set time and place for a sentencing hearing and give notice thereof to the juvenile and the parent(s), guardian, or custodian. In the event the time for the sentencing hearing is set in open court, notice of such hearing may be given to the parties verbally and placed upon the record. In the event such hearing is set at a later date, written notice thereof shall be given to the juvenile and the parent(s), guardian, or custodian in the same manner as a notice or summons of the initial J.C.A. hearing. With the consent of the juvenile and the juvenile's counsel the sentencing hearing may immediately follow the J.C.A. evidentiary hearing (trial).

(b) The sentencing hearing shall be an informal hearing in which the court may hear any relevant evidence from the prosecuting attorney; the juvenile; the parent(s), guardian, or custodian; or other investigator having knowledge of the juvenile so as to enable the court to make a considered disposition of the proceeding. The juvenile must be present at the sentencing hearing unless waived by the juvenile upon the advice of counsel after receiving the prior approval of the court.

(c) As a result of the sentencing hearing, the court shall enter a written decree together with findings of fact and conclusions of law finding the juvenile within the purview of the J.C.A. and imposing one or more of the provisions authorized by I.C. Section 20-520. If the court determines probation or detention is required, it must be ordered at the time of sentencing wherein commitment to the Department of Juvenile Corrections occurred. In the event the juvenile is placed on probation, such order may include or incorporate by reference the terms, conditions, and requirements of probation in the written decree.

(d) In the event it is proposed by any person that a juvenile be placed in custody or detention outside of the state of Idaho, pursuant to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children set forth in I.C. Section 16-2102, the court shall first hold a hearing upon 10 days notice to all affected parties to determine whether equivalent facilities are available in the state of Idaho and whether the placing of the juvenile in custody or detention outside the state will be in the best interest of the juvenile or will produce undue hardship. At such hearing, any interested party may testify concerning these issues, and upon conclusion of the hearing, the court shall determine whether the juvenile should be detained or placed in custody outside of the state of Idaho.

(e) If the court has adjudicated the juvenile to be a habitual status offender as defined in I.C. Section 20-521, the court may then utilize any sentencing alternative in rehabilitating the habitual status offender that is set out in I.C. Section 20-520, except that the juvenile shall not be placed in secure

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(f) If, pursuant to I.C. Section 20-523, a written screening team report is compiled, it shall be presented to the court and be made available to the parties at least 48 hours prior to the sentencing hearing, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

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