

# Bail

# Custody

Following the preliminary charges, the accused will normally be remanded in custody. This means they will be kept in prison or a young offenders institution until the trial.

VIA can give the next of kin details of where the accused will be remanded in custody.

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To be 'release on bail' means that a person must agree to certain conditions before being released from custody. For example, by promising not to commit any more crimes or interfere with witnesses.

The accused's solicitor can ask for bail. The accused has the legal right to make this request. If bail is granted, the accused will be released and their next appearance will be at a preliminary hearing in the High Court.

VIA will inform the family whether the accused has been given bail, and any special conditions which apply.