

RULE VI PROCEDURES—JUVENILES

1. The Supreme Court of Ohio, Rule 9, Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure, effective July 1, 1972, stated that in all appropriate cases formal court action should be avoided and other community resources be utilized to ameliorate situations brought to the attention of the court and this court hereby ratifies and affirms such statement of policy.

Such rule further states that information that a child is within the court's jurisdiction may be informally screened prior to filing of a complaint to determine whether the filing of a complaint is in the best interest of the child and the public.

The Court may from time to time designate law enforcement officers or court employees to screen cases informally.

2. Upon detection, arrest or apprehension of a juvenile by an officer of a law enforcement agency, after the officer has information of a reasonable certainty as to the age of the accused, the officer may detain or cause such juvenile to be detained until he or she may be presented before the court. In the event that the court is not in session, the officer shall cause said juvenile to be released to a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult person having the custody or control of said juvenile. Failing in the foregoing procedure, or if circumstances dictate, the officer shall cause said juvenile to be forthwith taken to the juvenile detention center, emergency shelter care or custodial detention facilities as they presently exist or may hereafter exist, and to cause said juvenile to be presented in open court at the next session thereof providing said officer shall have obtained the permission of an Intake Officer of this court, or the judge to place said child in juvenile detention center, emergency shelter or custodial detention facilities.

The Sheriff of Pike County, the Chief of Police of the Village of Piketon and Beaver, and the Chief of Police of the City of Waverly, Ohio, and the Executive Secretary of the Pike County Children Services Board are hereby designated as officers of the Juvenile Division of the Common Pleas Court of Pike County, Ohio.

3. The primary detention facility for the Pike County Juvenile Court shall be the Ross County Juvenile Detention Center. However, in the event of unavailability due to extenuating circumstances, the court may designate an alternative facility.
4. In the event that any law enforcement agency shall determine that immediate consideration of certain matters with respect to a juvenile should be had by the judge or other officer of the court, they shall contact the juvenile intake officer or such other member of the court staff as that said officer shall designate; the orders and/or instructions of the said officer shall be carried out until other or contrary orders or instructions shall be issued by the judge or such other court officer as may be designated by the court.
5. Any law enforcement officer upon taking any juvenile into custody shall cause to be prepared a complaint; and once prepared the complaint shall be verified as may be required by law and deposited with the law enforcement agency or filed with the court.
6. In all cases wherein the juvenile is not taken into custody by the officer, or the juvenile is not in custody, a complaint shall be prepared by the officer or other representative of the law enforcement agency with the assistance of the intake officer of the Juvenile Court of Pike County, Ohio.
7. In all cases in which a juvenile is arrested, the arresting officer shall cause the juvenile to be fingerprinted in the manner prescribed by law.
8. Process for summons, warrants and subpoenas shall be issued to the Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, or any other lawfully authorized law enforcement agency.