

VALDIVIA PACKET

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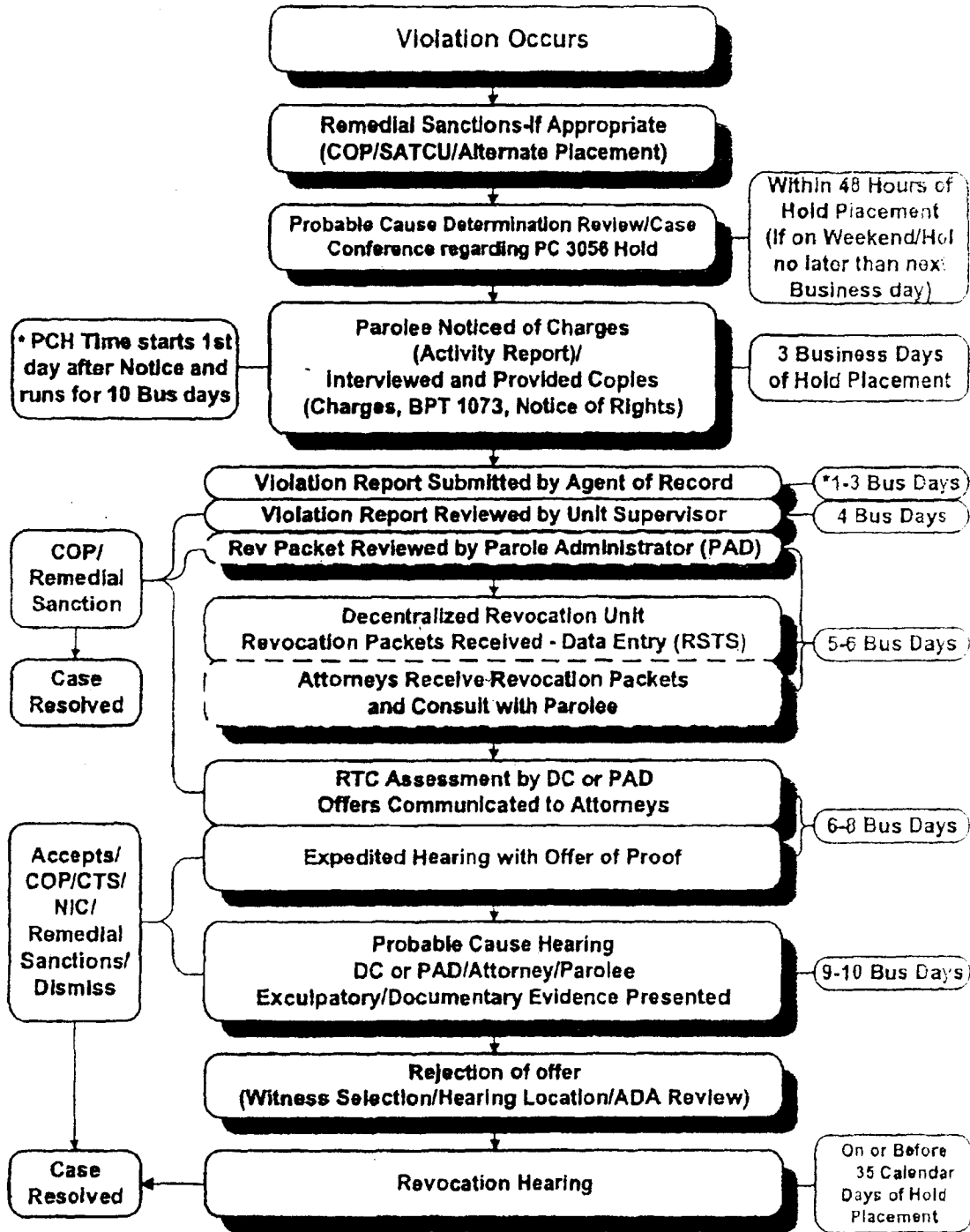
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The attached chart is taken from the settlement documents in the case. An excellent summary of the settlement agreement is in CEB, California Criminal Law and Procedure Chapter 47, "Parole Hearings".

1. Notice of Charges-Three days after detention. See Rules of Court Rule 4.540(c) (4), which similarly provides for notice.
2. Probable Cause Hearing- Thirteen Days (Expedited in certain situations). Rules of Court, Rule 4.540(c)(2)(A)-agency decides if there is probable cause, and then, Rule 4.450(d)(1) provides that within five days of filing, the hearing officer will rule on probable cause.
3. Appointed Counsel-Performed at time of the Return to Custody Assessment. Rules of Court 4.450(c)(2)(C)-appointment of counsel.
4. Right of Counsel to have Documents- Rules of Court 4.540(c)(3)(4)- provided with all documents.
5. Right to Testify and Present Evidence-Rules of Court 4.540(g)(2)- same as violation of probation rules.
6. Hearing within 35 Calendar Days of Hold-Rules of Court 4.540(g)(1)-Within a reasonable amount of time.

Valdivia Remedial Plan



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VALDIVIA REMEDIAL PLAN POLICY OUTLINE

VIOLATION OCCURS

There are a myriad of circumstances under which a Parolee can violate his or her conditions of parole. There are approximately 100,000 parole violations referred to the Board of Prison Terms each calendar year.

Currently about 60% of the reported violations are the result of arrests by local law enforcement. Of that 60% arrested by local law enforcement, many are charged in the local jurisdictions for crimes against the state, while others are not charged locally but instead referred to the Board of Prison Terms for administrative disposition.

The remaining 40% are arrests that involve the Parole officer, which may also result in local charges or referral to the Board of Prison Terms for administrative disposition.

The average parole violator's term in prison is five and one half months.

Approximately 66% of the cases referred to the Board of Prison Terms are resolved prior to the revocation hearing. Last year, the Board of Prison Terms conducted approximately 37,000 revocation hearings.

REMEDIAL SANCTIONS

As part of the overall reform of the revocation process, the Parole and Community Services Division of the Department of Corrections will begin using remedial sanctions/community based treatment placement in January of 2004.

Some of the remedial sanctions/community based treatment programs that will be used are the Substance Abuse Treatment Control Units, Electronic Monitoring, Self-Help Outpatient/aftercare programs, and alternative placement in structured and supervised environments.

These remedial sanctions are not considered violations of parole because participation in the remedial sanctions program is voluntary and participation in the remedial sanctions program will not make the parolee presumptively ineligible for discharge at 13 months.

The goal is to reduce the number of returns to prison for violations of parole by up to 10% in 2004 and by up to 30% by 2006.

IF REMEDIAL SANCTIONS ARE DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE AND A PAROLE HOLD IS PLACED ON THE PAROLEE, A PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION/REVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE HOLD AND IF THE HOLD IS PLACED ON A WEEKEND OR HOLIDAY, THE PROBABLE CAUSE REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED NO LATER THAN THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE HOLD BEING PLACED.

Although this probable cause review for parolees is not required under any of the current, relevant case law, it is being put in place in an attempt to take a second look at those individuals who have been placed into custody to determine if the "present danger to public safety" concern still exists or if remedial sanctions/community based treatment is possible at this juncture.

As an example, a parolee who was strung out on dope may have "dried out" sufficiently that he or she is no longer a danger to him or herself or the public and may be an appropriate candidate for community based treatment in a structured, supervised program.

Under such a scenario, the parolee would be released to a community based treatment program with the understanding that a specific condition of his or her release is the completion of the program and any other special conditions of parole that the Parole Agent deems appropriate.

Current regulation and case law require any special conditions of parole to have a nexus to the parolees' commitment offense or behavior.

PAROLEE IS GIVEN ACTUAL WRITTEN NOTICE OF CHARGES WITH A SHORT FACTUAL SUMMARY OF THE BEHAVIOR; THE NOTICE OF RIGHTS REGARDING THE REVOCATION PROCESS; AND THE BPT 1073 ADA DETERMINATION IS MADE VIA A FACE TO FACE INTERVIEW WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE HOLD BEING PLACED.

If the remedial sanctions are deemed inappropriate, within three business days of the hold being placed, the parolee shall be served actual notice of the charges against him or her accompanied by a short factual summary of the behavior; he or she shall be interviewed; an ADA determination shall be made; the BPT form 1073 shall be completed, and parolee shall be provided with a written notice of rights regarding the revocation process and time frames. (Hereinafter referred to as "notice.")

The principles of "effective communication" apply to the revocation process. ADA accommodation must be provided for all parolees when necessary. In addition, all forms shall be printed in Spanish and English and a Spanish speaking person shall be available to interpret and explain the forms to the parolee where necessary.

THE PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF ACTUAL SERVICE OF THE NOTICE OF CHARGES, THE ADA DETERMINATION, AND THE NOTICE OF RIGHTS.

Within the first 3 days after the parolee has been served with notice, the violation report must be completed and submitted to the Parole Unit supervisor.

On or before the fourth business day, the Unit Supervisor must review the report and: (1) determine if there is sufficient basis for the revocation to go forward; (2) determine if the report is accurate, complete, and contains the correct Title 15 violation sections; and (3) review the report and consider whether or not remedial sanctions/community based treatment is appropriate in lieu of proceeding with referral to the Board of Prison Terms with a recommendation that the parolee be returned to prison.

On or before the 4th business day, the revocation packet is reviewed by the Parole Administrator to determine whether or not there is a sufficient basis for the case to move forward and whether or not Remedial Sanctions/Community Based Treatment is appropriate at this juncture.

On or before the 5th business day, the revocation packet is forwarded to the decentralized revocation unit where the parolee is being held.

On or before the 6th business day, the parolee (including non-Armstrong class members) shall be appointed an attorney and the attorney shall be provided with a copy of the revocation packet, which shall contain a signed copy of the notice of charges, notice of revocation of rights, and a completed BPT 1073.

Attorney shall meet with the Parolee, provide the parolee with a copy of the revocation packet, and shall communicate any offer or offers made by the Board of Prison Terms Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator prior to the probable cause hearing.

In the event the parolee can make a sufficient offer of proof of a complete defense to the charges the Board of Prison Terms Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator, an expedited Probable Cause Hearing with Documentary and/or live testimony shall be scheduled. As an example, if the parolee has uncontroverted documentary evidence that he or she was in Santa Rita jail when this violation allegedly occurred in Los Angeles, **parolee shall be allowed to present such evidence at an expedited probable cause hearing between the 6th and 8th business day or at the earliest time possible thereafter if parolee is unable to produce such evidence by the 6th to 8th day.**

On or before the 6th to 8th business day, a return to custody assessment (an offer) is made by the Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator, and the offer shall be communicated to the parolee's attorney.

On or before the 10th business day, a Probable Cause Hearing shall be held with the Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator, the parolee, and parolee's attorney.

The Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator conducting the hearing shall be the same Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator who made the return to custody assessment (offer) where practicable.

Parolee shall be permitted to present documentary evidence and hearsay testimony by way of offer of proof through his or her attorney in mitigation or as a partial or complete defense to the charges and/or the proposed disposition.

The Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator shall have the complete range of options to resolve the case. (Continue on parole, credit for time served, release from custody with pending charges, remedial sanctions/community based treatment, reduce the offer downward, dismiss some or all of the charges)

The Deputy Commissioner shall not have the authority to adjust the return to custody assessment upward at or during the probable cause hearing.

Parolee shall have the right to waive time as to any of these hearing time constraints with or without good cause.

Attorney shall have the right to a continuance upon the showing of good cause in the absence of his or her client's consent in cases of emergency or illness or upon such other showing that the Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator can make a finding of good cause.

There shall be a written record of this proceeding and the basis for any decisions made therein.

It is not necessary that the Probable Cause Hearing be audio/video recorded.

If at the conclusion of the probable cause hearing, the parolee has rejected the offer, parolee shall provide the Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator with a list of witnesses he or she would like to call at the revocation hearing. The location of the hearing shall be determined (within 50 miles of the violation), and the Deputy Commissioner/Parole Administrator shall make an independent ADA accommodation determination.

REVOCAATION HEARING

The revocation hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time and in no case later than 35 calendar days after the parole hold has been placed.