

adjudicatory hearing. [The adjudicatory hearing is solely to determine the merits of the allegations of the petition.]

(b) Before a child is adjudicated delinquent, the allegations in the petition must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. An uncorroborated confession made by a child out of court is not sufficient proof of [delinquency] THE DELINQUENT ACT. ]]

3-820.

(a) [If the court, after an adjudicatory hearing, adjudicates a child as being delinquent, in need of supervision, or in need of assistance, it shall hold a separate hearing to determine an appropriate disposition unless the hearing is waived in writing by all the parties.] AFTER AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING THE COURT SHALL HOLD A SEPARATE DISPOSITION HEARING, UNLESS THE PETITION IS DISMISSED OR UNLESS SUCH HEARING IS WAIVED IN WRITING BY ALL OF THE PARTIES. THE DISPOSITION HEARING MAY BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY AS THE ADJUDICATORY HEARING, IF NOTICE OF THE DISPOSITION HEARING, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE MARYLAND RULES, IS WAIVED ON THE RECORD BY ALL OF THE PARTIES.

[[3-823.

(a) A child may not be DETAINED, committed or transferred to a penal institution or other facility used primarily for the confinement of adults charged with or convicted of a crime, except pursuant to § 3-816 (b).

3-824.

(a) An adjudication of a child pursuant to this subtitle is not a criminal conviction for any purpose and does not impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed by a criminal conviction. However, an adjudication of a child as delinquent by reason of his violation of the State Vehicle Laws shall, upon order of the court, be reported by the clerk of the court to the Motor Vehicle Administration, [who] WHICH may assess points pursuant to Article 66 1/2, § 6-402 against the child, in the same manner and to the same effect as if the child had been convicted of the offense.

(b) An adjudication and disposition of a child pursuant to this subtitle are not admissible as evidence against the child [in any criminal proceeding prior to conviction, or in any other proceeding.]:

(1) IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDING PRIOR TO CONVICTION; OR

(2) IN ANY ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON A PETITION ALLEGING DELINQUENCY; OR