

HEARING UNLESS A DELINQUENT OFFENSE OF PERJURY IS ALLEGED, AND THE STATEMENT IS RELEVANT TO THAT CHARGE AND IS OTHERWISE ADMISSIBLE.

3-812.

(b) Petitions alleging delinquency OR VIOLATION OF SECTION 3-831 shall be prepared and filed by the State's attorney. A PETITION ALLEGING DELINQUENCY SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF A REFERRAL FROM THE INTAKE OFFICER. All other petitions shall be prepared and filed by the intake officer.

(d) The State's attorney, upon assigning his reasons, may dismiss IN OPEN COURT a petition alleging delinquency [in open court].

3-815.

(c) If the child is not released, the intake officer shall immediately file a petition to authorize continued detention or shelter care. A hearing on the petition shall be held not later than the next court day, unless extended by the court upon good cause shown. Reasonable notice, oral or written, stating the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, shall be given to the child and, if they can be found, his parents, guardian, or custodian. Detention and shelter care shall not be ordered for a period of more than 30 days unless an adjudicatory OR WAIVER hearing is held.

(e) A child alleged to be in need of supervision or in need of assistance may not be placed in detention. If the child is alleged to be in need of assistance by reason of a mental handicap, he may be placed in shelter care facilities maintained or licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or if these facilities are not available, then in a private home or facility [located in Maryland and] approved by the court. If the child is alleged to be in need of assistance for any other reason, or in need of supervision, he may be placed in shelter care facilities maintained or approved by the [Department of Employment and Social Services] SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, or the Juvenile Services Administration, or in a private home or shelter care facility approved by the court.

3-819.

(a) After a petition has been filed, and unless jurisdiction has been waived, the court shall hold an 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 THAT THE CHILD HAS COMMITTED A DELINQUENT ACT must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. [An uncorroborated confession made by a child out of court is not sufficient proof of delinquency.]