

Parts of a RAP Sheet:

ARR/DET/CITE: 20170418
 CNT: 001
 32 PC-ACCESSORY

Arrest Date

NAM:001 DOB:19910630
 CASC SANTA CLARA
 #01023456

Name of county

Booking or police file number, not a case number

CNT:002
 484/488 PC-PETTY THEFT

CNT: 003
 459/460 (B) PC-SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY

COURT: 20170630
 Disposition date

NAM: 001
 CASC SANTA CLARA

CNT: 002 #CC171717
 484/488 PC-PETTY THEFT

Case number

DISPO: DISMISSED/FOJ/PLEA TO OTHER CHARGE

The "DISPO" says dismissed so there is no conviction.

CNT:003
 459/460 (B) PC-SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY

*DISPO: CONVICTED
 CONV STATUS: FELONY

Disposition. Look for "CONVICTED".

SEN: 003 YEARS PROBATION, 006 MONTHS JAIL, IMP SEN SS

ARR/DET/CITE: 20140520
 CNT:001
 23152(A) VC-DUI: ALCOHOL/DRUGS

NAM: 001
 CAPD SAN JOSE
 #654321AER321

DOB: 19910630

"CONV STATUS" states whether it's a felony, misdemeanor or infraction.

CNT:002
 11377(A) HS-POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Sentencing Information

Each event (arrest and court hearing information for each case) is separated by asterisks like this: * * * *

Each incident on a California RAP sheet is identified by a **name** and a **date of birth**. These are listed and numbered at the beginning of the RAP sheet. Sometimes people have several names or dates of birth associated with them, either as a result of typographical errors or incorrect information given.

Dates on Department of Justice RAP sheets are written with the year first, then month then day. For example, 20170630 means June 30, 2017.

1. An event is organized by first listing the arrest or detention information.

Next is the county in which you were arrested. On the next line you will find a file number. This is not the case number for court; it usually is a booking, police or District Attorney file number.

Next comes a list of charges, also called "counts" (CNT). There is a section of the law listed and a code (group of laws) listed. The section of law is listed before the Code. For example "484 PC" refers to section 484 of the California Penal Code.

Many encounters with law enforcement do not result in convictions. Often the DA will realize that he or she cannot prove that the person accused committed the offense(s) charged. In those cases, there are arrests or detentions only and no resulting convictions.

2. When the DA decides to proceed with a case, it goes to court. The portion of the RAP sheet after the arrest or detention information shows what happened in court.

Each action ("cycle") within a fingerprinting event is separated by dashes, like this: - - -

Cycles do not necessarily involve fingerprinting, but are connected by law enforcement booking numbers or court case numbers.

You will see the letters "DISPO"; this shows what happened to each charge in court. Under "DISPO" if a person plead guilty or was found guilty at trial, you will see, the word "CONVICTED" after the count or charge. Usually the sentence is listed as well, showing jail or prison, probation, fines and fees.

Frequently, some of the charges are dropped, usually in exchange for a plea bargain. (A plea is an agreement where a person agrees to a lesser charge to avoid going to trial). If a charge is dropped, the RAP sheet will note "DISMISSED" after "DISPO."

Usually the RAP sheet will note the reason or section of the Penal Code that authorized its dismissal. "FOJ" means "in furtherance of justice." Notes referring to PC 1203.4, PC 1203.4a, PC 1203.41 and PC 1203.42 all mean the case was dismissed based on those laws. Similarly, if a felony was reduced, a note on the RAP sheet will show the law that permitted the reduction, often PC 17b, PC 1170.18 ("Prop 47") and HS 11361.8 (e)-(f) ("Prop 64").

Key

- AKA = Also Known As
- CONV = Conviction
- COR = Certificate of Rehabilitation
- DEJ = Deferred Entry of Judgment
- DISM = Dismissed
- FEL RED = Felony Reduction
- FTA = Failure to Appear
- IMP SENT SUSP -A judge can hold off from either imposing or executing the punishment as long as the defendant fulfills the condition of the suspension.
- MISD = Misdemeanor
- NOLO CONTENDERE = When you plead "no contest," you are not technically admitting guilt but are still allowing the court to determine your punishment.
- OR = Released on Own Recognizance
- P NC = Plead No Contest
- PROS-REJ = Prosecution rejected
- 17b = felony is a wobbler, eligible for reduction to a misdemeanor by petition
- Prop 64 = provides for retroactive relief for prior marijuana-related convictions per HS 11361.8(e)-(k).