

**TABLE 17.1**

## Comparing Procedural or Event Terminology in Adult and Juvenile Court Systems

PROCEDURE OR EVENT	ADULT SYSTEM	JUVENILE SYSTEM
Police take custody of offender	Placed under arrest	Taken into custody
Official who makes initial decisions about entry into the court system	Magistrate or judge	Intake officer
Place accused may be held pending further processing	Jail	Detention
Document charging the accused with specific act	Indictment or information	Petition
Person charged with illegal act	Defendant	Respondent
Accused appears to respond to charge(s)	Arraignment	Hearing
Accused verbally responds	Enters a plea of guilty, not guilty, or no contest	Admits or denies
Court proceeding to determine if accused committed the offense	Public jury trial	Nonpublic adjudicatory hearing
Decision of the court as to whether accused committed offense	Verdict of jury	No jury; not public; adjudication by judge
Standard of proof required	Beyond a reasonable doubt	Beyond a reasonable doubt
Court proceeding to determine what to do with person found to have committed offense	Sentencing hearing	Dispositional hearing
Institutional confinement	Prison	Juvenile correctional facility
Community supervision	Probation; parole if had been imprisoned	Probation; aftercare if had been confined to juvenile correctional facility