

Appendix 1: Criminal Procedure Law (2012): Chart of Legal Provisions From Criminal Detention to First-Instance Trial

Agency Responsible	Detention Step	CPL Description		Time Period		CPL Article	Approving Body
Public security bureau	Criminal Detention	Ordinary Criminal Suspect		3 Days	37 days	Article 89	Public security bureau
		Prolong For Special Circumstances		1-4 Days			
		Major cases		23 Days			
Procuratorate	Approval of Arrest	Procuratorate Approve or Reject Request for Arrest		7 Days			Procuratorate
PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU ISSUES ARREST NOTICE (逮捕书)							
Public security bureau	Investigation	Investigative Period of Suspect Following Arrest		2 Months	3 Months	Article 154	Public security bureau
		For Complex Cases Only		1 Month			Higher Court
		Major, Complicated Cases: (1) In Remote Areas; (2) Involving Gang Crimes; (3) Crimes Committed in Several Locations; (4) Cases In Larges Areas Making it Difficult to Gather Evidence		2 Month extension (upon approval)		Article 156	Provincial/Autonomous Region/Municipality Level Procuratorate
		Further Extend if Suspect Faces Penalty of 10+ Years		2 Months		Article 157	Same as Article 156
		Discover Suspect Committed Other Crimes		Restart Investigation (From Article 154)		Article 158	Public security bureau
		Discovery of Suspect's True Identity		Restart Investigation (From Article 154)			
POLICE ISSUES RECOMMENDATION FOR INDICTMENT (起诉意见书)							
Procuratorate	Examine For Indictment	Decision to Indict Following Police Recommendation		1 Month	1.5 Months	Article 169	Procuratorate
		Extension for Complex Cases		15 Days			
		If Jurisdiction Changes		Restart Investigation			
Public security bureau	Supplementary Investigation	1st Supplementary Investigation		1 Month			Public security bureau
Procuratorate	Examine For Indictment	Examination of 1 st Supplementary Investigation	Ordinary Case	1 Month	1.5 Months	Article 171	Procuratorate
			Extension	15 Days			
Public security bureau	Supplementary Investigation	2 nd Supplementary Investigation		1 Month			Public security bureau
Procuratorate	Examine For Indictment	Examination of 2 nd Supplementary Investigation	Ordinary Case	1 Month	1.5 Months		Procuratorate
			Extension	15 Days			
PROCURATORATE ISSUES INDICTMENT (起诉书)							
People's court	1 st instance trial	Announce verdict in public hearing		2 Months	3 Months	Article 202	First instance court
				1 Month extension			
		Extension for death penalty cases, and under provisions stipulated under Article 156		3 Months			One level higher court
		Under special circumstances, can further extend		No time limit specified			Supreme People's Court
		If Jurisdiction Changes		Restart Investigation			First instance court
People's court	1 st instance trial	Extend hearing due to: (1) notify new witnesses; collect new physical evidence; or hold a new investigation; (2) Procurators apply for supplementary investigation; (3) Application for recusal.		1 Month		Article 198	First instance court
Procuratorate	Supplementary Investigation	Supplementary investigation		1 Month		Article 199	Procuratorate
People's court	1 st instance trial	Following supplementary investigation, court recalculates trial period		3 Months		Article 202	First instance court
PEOPLE'S COURT ISSUES VERDICT (判决书)							
Procuratorate, legal representative or affected party	Appeal (from defendant) or counter appeal (from procuratorate)	Lodge an appeal against court verdict		10 Days		Article 219	Procuratorate, defendant, individuals involved