



## THINGS TO KNOW WHEN PURSUING JUSTICE FOR CHILD VICTIMS WHILE THE CHARGESHEET IS BEING PREPARED

### things to do while chargesheet is being prepared

Chargesheet is the formal document (or collection of documents) in which the police prepares the accusation. The chargesheet contains the FIR as investigative findings, witness statements and other affidavits.

Though the law recommends speedy trial, there may be **a significant time lag** between the complaint & the filing of the charge-sheet as well as between charge-sheet & the trial.

During this time, gently and at appropriate moments, **periodically remind the child** that their court date will come up soon.

In the meantime, **the focus should be on rehabilitation and well-being** of the child.

If you are support person, ensure that you conduct periodic follow ups. Do not disappear once the initial charge-sheet is filed and return when the dates are announced. Keep following up and **be involved with the child's recovery.**

