

**244.197 INITIATION OF SANCTIONS CONFERENCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** Unless the district court directs otherwise, a probation agency may use a sanctions conference to address an offender's technical violation of probation.

Subd. 2. **Notice of violation.** When a probation agency has reason to believe that an offender has committed a technical violation of probation, the agency shall notify the offender in writing of the specific nature of the technical violation and the scheduling of a sanctions conference, including the date, time, and location of the sanctions conference. The notice shall also state that if the offender fails to appear at the sanctions conference, the probation agency may apprehend and detain the offender under section 244.195 and ask the court to commence revocation proceedings under section 609.14 and rule 27.04 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure. To the extent feasible, the sanctions conference must take place within seven days of mailing of the notice to the offender.

Subd. 3. **Sanctions conference.** At the sanctions conference, the county probation officer shall provide the offender with a copy of a sanctions conference form explaining the sanctions conference and the offender's options for proceeding. The offender must stipulate, in writing, that the offender has received a copy of the sanctions conference form and that the offender understands the information contained in the form and the options available to the offender. The offender also must declare, in writing, the offender's decision to either participate in the sanctions conference or proceed with a judicial hearing.

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