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In mediation, the parties meet one another and deal with the harm caused by the offence or dispute with the assistance of two voluntary mediators. The aim is to help the parties find solutions that are satisfactory to them and the means to compensate for the harm caused. Mediation provides an opportunity to discuss what has happened, to be heard and to agree on compensation for damages. The professional staff of the mediation office will determine the suitability of the matter for mediation and provide advice in all details.

- Mediation is based on the Act on Conciliation in Criminal and Certain Civil Cases (1015/2005).
- Participation in mediation is voluntary and free of charge.
- Mediation may be proposed by a party to an offence or dispute, a custodian, a guardian, the police, prosecutor or other authority. In domestic violence offences, only the police or the prosecutor may request mediation.
- The start of mediation will require the consent of all parties. The consent of the minor and their guardian/other legal representative is also required.
- Mediation will take place at the mediation office or in another suitable facility.
- The mediation may involve a custodian, a guardian, a support person and an interpreter.
- In mediation, a criminal or civil case is handled impartially and confidentially.
- The parties may draw up an agreement if they so wish.
- Mediation may be suspended if necessary.