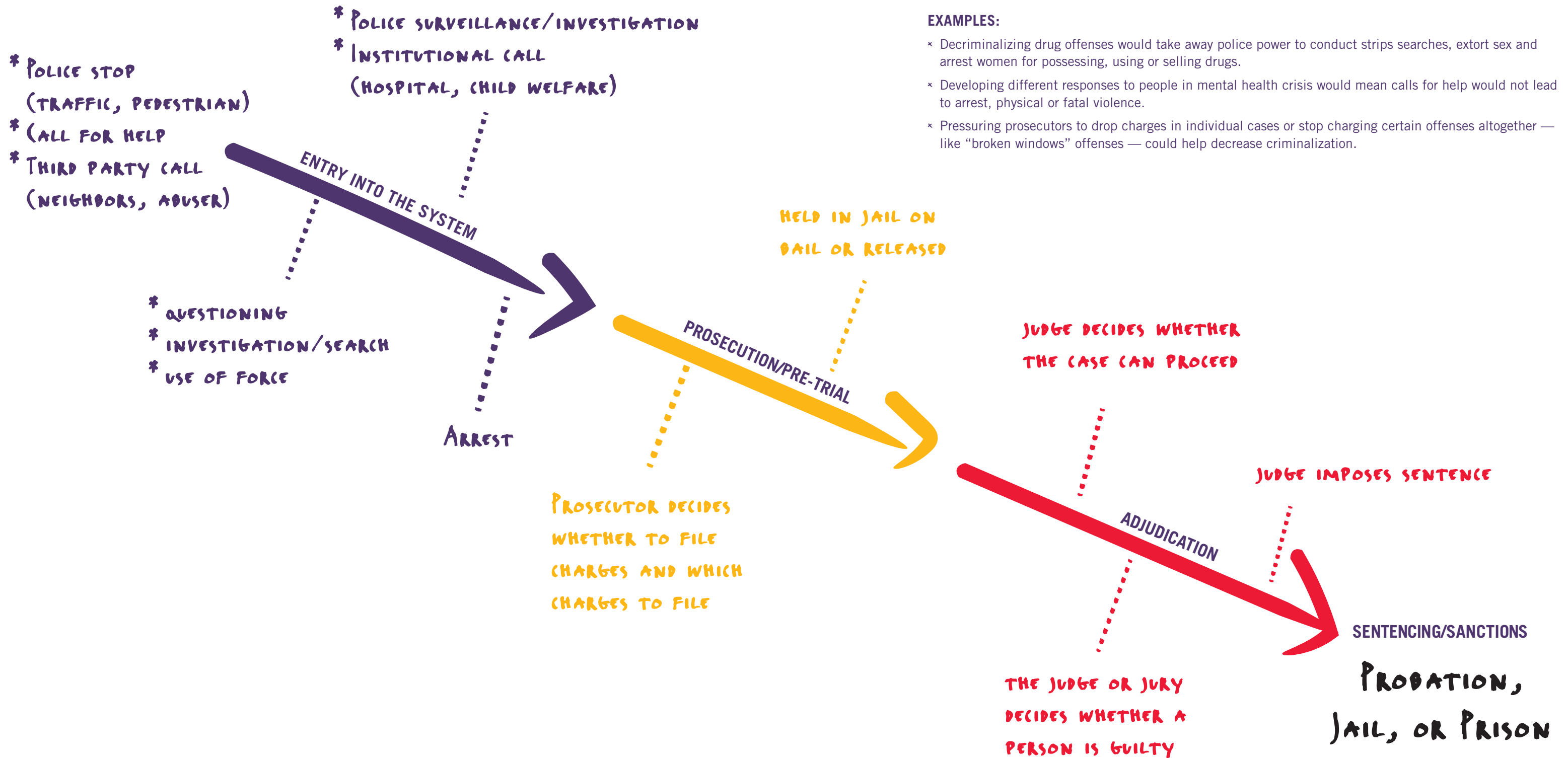




VISIONING MAPPING THE (CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM)



The graphic below represents a simplistic description of how people come into contact with police and move through the criminal legal system offered to aid in understanding some of the stories and issues discussed in *Invisible No More*.

ACTIVITY:

Alone or in a group, think of potential points of intervention in this process? Where might a person be able to “get off” the path to criminalization? How can we intervene individually or collectively?

EXAMPLES:

- × Decriminalizing drug offenses would take away police power to conduct strips searches, extort sex and arrest women for possessing, using or selling drugs.
- × Developing different responses to people in mental health crisis would mean calls for help would not lead to arrest, physical or fatal violence.
- × Pressuring prosecutors to drop charges in individual cases or stop charging certain offenses altogether — like “broken windows” offenses — could help decrease criminalization.