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Can I appeal against a sentence or if the defendant is declared not guilty?

The trial will end with the court convicting the defendant or declaring him/her not guilty. You will receive a certified copy of the court's decision if you have a right to appeal. Alternatively, the final decision is sent to you, if you request it.

If you do not speak Slovenian you can ask for a translation of the decision in a language you understand. The translation of the court's decision is free of charge.

Only the public prosecutor, the defendant and his/her lawyer can appeal against the court's final decision as regards the guilt of the offender and/or the penalty. You as a victim can appeal against the decision only if you are not satisfied with the way the court has distributed the costs of the proceedings.

Is further appeal possible?

Only the public prosecutor, the defendant and his/her lawyer have the right to appeal further against the decision of the second instance court.

What rights do I have after the court sentence enters into force?

When the sentence enters into force your role in the proceedings is generally over. Slovenian legislation does not provide victims with the right to receive information about the release of the offender.

More information:

- [Criminal Procedure Act \(Zakon o kazenskem postopku\)](#) - in [Slovenian](#)

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