

Ruling First On Probation

For the first time since the country's adult probation system went into effect over a year ago, a person's probation was revoked this week, without the probationer's being in court for the proceedings.

Dist. Judge Henry King revoked the probation of Bruce Pierson, 20, despite objections of Clarence Bentley, Pierson's court-named lawyer, who said he believed Pierson ought to be present to make it legal.

Asst. Dist. Atty. A. D. Bowie and Probation Officer William MacKay recommended that Judge King revoke the probation after pointing out that Pierson is now serving 15 months in the El Reno, Okla., reformatory for transporting a stolen car across state lines.

Judge King ruled that two years Pierson got here last July for forgery, before he was put on probation, would run simultaneously with the federal time.