

Victim Services Available

ADVOCACY:

Advocacy and support are available for victims throughout the criminal justice process.

CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION:

Crime victims are entitled to compensation through the Office of Victim Services. This may include lost wages, damaged property, medical costs, and counseling. The Victim Specialist will assist you in filling out and submitting the claim forms.

INFORMATION and REFERRALS:

The Victim Specialist can provide victims of crime with information about community programs and make referrals when needed.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND SAFETY SERVICES:

The Victim Specialist is able to provide on scene crisis response, safety planning and other crisis intervention services as well as provide referrals for free and confidential therapy services.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUPPORT & ADVOCACY:

The Victim Specialist can provide accompaniment to court, advocate on behalf of clients with police, district attorney, family/ criminal courts, parole probation, campus security, VINE systems and CPS.

The Fair Treatment Standards for Crime Victims is contained within Article 23 of the Executive Law. The purpose of that act is to ensure that the State's criminal justice system has appropriate standards for the treatment of innocent victims of crime. As a crime victim in NY State, you have many rights, some of which are highlighted below. Auburn Police Department's Victim Specialist can assist you with learning about and exercising your rights as a crime victim. More information can be found at <https://ovs.ny.gov/help-crime-victims>.

Your Right to Certain Kinds of Compensation and Assistance:

The New York State Office of Victim Services may be able to reimburse you for your direct out-of-pocket expenses caused by the crime. These expenses may include the repair or replacement of essential personal property, loss of earnings or support, medical bills, including the cost of counseling, vocational rehabilitation, crime scene cleanup or funeral bills.

Your Right to be Notified of Judicial Proceedings:

If you have provided a current address and telephone number to the appropriate official, you have the right to be notified of the accused's:

1. arrest;
2. first appearance before a judge;
3. release from jail while criminal proceeding is pending
4. entry of a guilty plea;
5. trial;
6. sentencing;
7. maximum and minimum terms of imprisonment

If the defendant is sentenced to prison, you also may have a right to be given notice of the release or escape of a person committed to a state mental health facility.

Your Rights During Judicial Proceedings:

The victims of certain felony offenses shall be consulted by the DA to obtain the views of the victim regarding disposition of the criminal case by dismissal, plea of guilty or trial.

Your Right to be Free from Intimidation:

Crime victims have the right to be protected from threats, physical injury, or other kinds of intimidation. The police, sheriff's department, or DA can offer advice regarding appropriate measures. If necessary, the court can issue an Order of Protection.

Your Right to Submit a Victim Impact Statement:

The "pre-sentence report" is prepared by the county probation department when the defendant has been convicted of a felony, or a misdemeanor when the sentence includes probation or more than ninety days imprisonment.

Your Right to Restitution:

Restitution is compensation paid to a victim by the perpetrator of a criminal offense for the losses or injuries



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