REQUIRED VICTIM ADVISEMENT

In general, after initial contact with a victim, law enforcement and court personnel must advise him or her of the following:

- **That it is possible that the accused may be released from custody prior to trial;**
- **That victims have certain rights during various stages of the criminal justice system;**
- **That victims have the right to refuse or agree to be interviewed by the accused, the accused's attorney, or anyone who represents or contacts you on behalf of the accused;**
- **That additional information about these stages can be obtained by contacting the pertinent state and/or local agency involved, or by contacting the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at 404-657-1956;**
- **That victims may be eligible for monetary compensation for certain out-of-pocket losses incurred as a result of their victimization from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund which is administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council;**
- **That victims may have available to them community-based victim service programs and that more information may be obtained by contacting the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline at 1-800-338-6745.**

GEORGIA VICTIM RESOURCES

GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

877-231-6590
Victim Services: 800-547-0060
Victimsinfo@cjcc.ga.gov
cjcc.georgia.gov

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL

404-969-4001
www.pacga.org/site/area/32

GEORGIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

404-209-0280
www.gcadv.org

GEORGIA NETWORK TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT

404-815-5261
www.gnesa.org

For Victims needing more assistance, refer them to:

Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Office of Victim Services
404-508-6500
1-866-922-6360 Toll Free
victimservices@djj.state.ga.us

WWW.DJJ.STATE.GA.US

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM IN GEORGIA

CRIME VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

The Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights, O.C.G.A. 15-17-1, et seq., provides individuals who are victims of certain crimes specific rights. These rights include:

- The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any scheduled court proceedings or any changes to such proceedings;
- The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of the arrest, release, or escape of the accused;
- The right not to be excluded from any scheduled court proceedings, except as provided by law;
- The right to be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea, or sentencing of the accused;

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- The right to file a written objection in any parole proceedings involving the accused;
- The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney in any criminal prosecution related to the victim;
- The right to restitution as provided by law;
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and
- The right to be treated fairly and with dignity by all criminal justice agencies involved in the case.

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VICTIM'S COMPENSATION

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You are physically injured as a result of a violent crime
- You personally witnessed or were threatened with a violent crime
- You were hurt helping a victim of a violent crime
- You are the parent or guardian of a person killed or injured as a result of a crime
- You are a dependent of a homicide victim who relied on the victim for support
- You did not provoke or consent to the events that led up to the crime

ELIGIBILITY TIMELINES

- The victim/witness must have reported the crime to the proper authorities within 72 hours of the crime, unless good cause is shown
- The victim/witness must file an application within 1 year of the crime unless good cause shown (Please Note: A claim submitted 3 years after the victimization cannot be considered)

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CATEGORICAL CAPS (FOR COVERED EXPENSES)

- Medical/Dental Expenses - up to $15,000
- Counseling Expenses - up to $3,000
- Funeral Expenses - up to $3,000
- Economic Support - up to $10,000
- Crime Scene Clean-Up - up to $1,500

The Crime Victim Compensation Fund is not an entitlement program, only those who meet all of the eligibility requirements will be approved. The above shows the maximum amounts that an eligible claimant may qualify for in each benefit category, the maximum program amount is $25,000 per victim.