

VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

District Attorney's Office
900 Ward Street, Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 957-8650
(510) 374-3272
Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

It is recommended to call ahead to schedule an appointment in advance with a Victim Witness Assistance Program Specialist (advocate), as they are often in court and not available to take walk-ins.

VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES

- ◆ Case Status / Disposition
- ◆ Community Resource Referrals
- ◆ Court Support
- ◆ Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Emergency Funeral / Burial Assistance
- ◆ Orientation to the Criminal Justice System
- ◆ Restitution Requests
- ◆ Victim Impact Statements
- ◆ Victims' Bill of Rights
- ◆ Victim Compensation Program Application
- ◆ Victim Notification

www.vinelink.com
1-877-411-5588

TTY 1-866-847-1298

California State Victim Notification Service

VINE will tell you if an offender is in jail and will give you other important custody information. VINE will also let you leave a phone number where you want to be called automatically when that offender is released, transferred, or escapes.

Do not depend solely on the VINE service for your protection. If you feel that you may be at risk, take precautions as if the offender has already been released.

The California State Victim Notification service covers all but the 17 counties listed below. These 17 counties participate in their own VINE service. Please visit www.vinelink.com for more information about the VINE service for these counties and to obtain their respective toll-free VINE numbers:

Alameda, Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Kings, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Napa Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sutter counties.

State and Local Resources

- ◆ Victim Compensation Program 800-777-9229
www.victimcompensation.ca.gov
- ◆ California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Office of Survivor and Victim Services 877-256-6877
www.cdcr.ca.gov
- ◆ California Attorney General's Office Victim Services Unit
www.ag.ca.gov 877-433-9069
- ◆ Megan's Law www.meganslaw.ca.gov
- ◆ Safe at Home Program 877-322-5227
- ◆ Victims of Crime Resource Center 1-800-Victims
www.1800victims.org
- ◆ Contra Costa District Attorney www.contracostada.org
- ◆ Superior Court Operations 925-957-2200
- ◆ Juvenile Division 925-957-8601
- ◆ Family Violence Unit 925-957-8602
- ◆ STAND-Domestic Violence Program 888-215-5555
Local domestic violence program, support group, and victim advocacy
- ◆ CVS/Rape Crisis Program 800-670-7273
Local rape and child molest program, counseling and victim advocacy
- ◆ Contra Costa County Jail 925-646-4495
Inmate custody and release information
- ◆ Probation Department 925-313-4000
Copies of pre-sentence reports
- ◆ Collections and Compliance Unit 925-646-1955
Superior Court Restitution Order Collections
- ◆ Bay Area Legal Aid 800-551-5554
Legal Assistance and U-Visa information
- ◆ Domestic Violence Restraining Orders 888-215-5555
- ◆ Contra Costa Crisis Center 800-833-2900
- ◆ Grief Counseling 800-837-1818
- ◆ Homeless Hotline 800-808-6444
- ◆ Community Referrals: Dial 2-1-1

- ◆ RAINN—National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-658-4673
- ◆ National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children 888-818-7662
- ◆ National Mothers Against Drunk Driving 877-623-3435
- ◆ National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- ◆ National Organization for Victim Assistance 800-879-6682
- ◆ National Center for Victims of Crime 800-394-2255

**Providing Services to Crime Victims
in Contra Costa County**

Martinez

Police Department



Marsy's Law

Victim's Bill of Rights Act of 2008

Marsy's Card and Resources

Officer's Name:

Telephone:

Prosecutor's Name:

Telephone:

Police Report Number:

Superior Court Case Number:

"Marsy's Rights"

To provide victims with rights to justice and due process

On November 4, 2008, the People of the State of California approved Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law. This measure amended the California Constitution to provide additional rights to victims. This brochure contains specific sections of the Victims' Bill of rights and resources. Crime victims may obtain additional information regarding Marsy's Law and local Victim Witness Assistance Center information by contacting the **Attorney General's Victim Services Unit** at 1-877-433-9069.

A 'victim' is defined under the California Constitution as "a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act. The term 'victim' also includes the person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, or guardian, and includes a lawful representative of a crime victim who is deceased, a minor, or physically or psychologically incapacitated. The term 'victim' does not include a person in custody for an offense, the accused, or a person whom the court finds would not act in the best interests of a minor victim." (Cal. Const., art. I, 28(e).)

The Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008

In order to preserve and protect a victim's rights to justice and due process, a victim shall be entitled to the following rights:

1. To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.
2. To be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.
3. To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.
4. To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, which could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's

family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medical or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged or confidential by law.

5. To refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery request by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.
6. To reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, upon request, regarding the arrest of the defendant if known by the prosecutor, the charges filed, the determination whether to extradite the defendant, and, upon request, to be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case.
7. To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, upon request, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.
8. To be heard, upon request, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, plea, sentencing, post-conviction release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.
9. To a speedy trial and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings.
10. To provide information to a probation department official conducting a pre-sentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant.
11. To receive, upon request, the pre-sentence report when available to the defendant, except for those portions made confidential by law.

12. To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, and the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.

13. To restitution.

A. It is the unequivocal intention of the People of the State of California that all persons who suffer losses as a result of criminal activity shall have the right to seek and secure restitution from the persons convicted of the crimes causing the losses they suffer.

B. Restitution shall be ordered from the convicted wrongdoer in every case, regardless of the sentence or disposition imposed, in which a crime victim suffers a loss.

C. All monetary payments, monies, and property collected from any person who has been ordered to make restitution shall be first applied to pay the amounts ordered as restitution to the victim.

14. To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

15. To be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender.

16. To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made.

17. To be informed of the rights enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (16).

A victim, the retained attorney of a victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the prosecuting attorney upon request of the victim, may request the above rights in any trial or appellate court with jurisdiction over the case as a matter of right. The court shall act promptly on such a request.

(Cal. Const., art. I, 28(c)(1).)