

Have you been victimized?

As a result of this experience you may feel stress, fear, or confusion, and we would like to offer our help with any problems you may be experiencing as a result of this crime. This brochure will help to inform and assist you with questions or concerns you may have.

In accordance to the Colorado State Constitution, and the laws related to CRS Title 24 Article 4.1 part III, there are certain rights that are guaranteed to the victims of the following crimes:

- **Murder/Manslaughter**
- **Criminally Negligent Homicide**
- **Vehicular Homicide**
- **Assault and Vehicular Assault**
- **Sexual Assault on an adult or a child**
- **Sexual Exploitation of a Child, Unlawful Sexual Contact**
- **Incest**
- **Human Trafficking**
- **Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification**
- **Violation of a protection order in a sexual assault case**
- **Child Abuse**
- **Kidnapping**
- **Robbery**
- **Menacing**
- **Stalking**
- **Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles**
- **Bias-motivated crimes**
- **Crimes involving domestic violence**
- **Intimidating a victim or witness**
- **Retaliation against a victim of or witness**
- **Tampering with a victim of or witness**
- **All other crimes as specified in CRS 24-4.1-302**



Being victimized and going through the court system can be difficult and confusing. Trained Victim Advocates can give you support, information and referrals.

The Victim Assistance Unit provides a Victim/Witness Assistance Program for your benefit. Their goal is to help lessen the impact of being a victim or a witness to a crime.

A Victim Advocate can give you information about how the court system works and what is happening with your case. We can also talk to you about your feelings and answer your questions.

We will be happy to notify you of significant events as they occur. Please make sure to let us know if you do not wish to be called during the night, as the Fremont County Sheriff's Office is a 24-hour operation.

Contact Information

- Cañon City Police Department
(719) 276-5600
- Fremont County Sheriff
(719) 276-5555
- Florence Police Department
(719) 784-3411

**In Case of Emergency,
Call 911**

Incident Information

Date of incident: _____

Case number: _____

Agency: _____

Officer: _____

Victim Advocate: _____

Register with COVINE

Colorado Vine, or COVINE (**C**olorado **V**ictim **I**nformation and **N**otification **E**veryday), is a service provided to victims in order to obtain information about the custody status of jail inmates under supervision with the Colorado county jails.

Victims can register with COVINE at www.vinelink.com to receive free and confidential custody status updates on offenders.

If all local efforts to obtain your rights have failed, you may request assistance from the Crime Victim Services Advisory Board. For additional information, call the Colorado Department of Public Safety at (303) 239-4442.

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CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS

Bringing Honor to Victims



The Rights of Crime Victims



Victims of the crimes specified within the **Victim Rights Act** have the right to:

- Be treated with fairness, dignity, compassion and respect
- Be informed of all “critical stages” of the criminal justice process and present
- Be present and heard regarding bond reduction or modification hearings
- Prepare a Victim Witness Statement.
- At the discretion of the District Attorney, view all or a portion of the Presentence report of the Probation Department
- Be informed of any court ordered HIV testing
- Be informed about what steps can be taken if he or she is subjected to intimidation or harassment
- Information on all charges filed
- Notification of any change in the status of the accused
- Input into decisions regarding plea bargains, sentencing and parole hearings
- Restitution or civil remedy
- Release of property after the case is settled and is no longer needed as evidence
- Employer intercession
- Notification of all case dispositions
- Timely notification of all court dates
- Be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services
- Know the process for enforcing compliance with the Victim Rights Act

Victim Compensation

If you are...

- A victim of a violent crime, or
- A dependent of a deceased victim

You may be entitled to the following services. To be eligible you must have reported the crime to a law enforcement agency within 72 hours or a good cause existed for delay. You must have cooperated with any investigation and you must apply within one year of the crime.

A victim may be compensated for the following:

- Medical and other emergency services
- Loss of earnings
- Counseling
- Funeral and Burial Expenses
- Repair of Residence
- Loss of medically necessary devices
- Outpatient care

Funds are provided through fees levied against persons convicted of felonies, misdemeanors, and certain traffic offenses. Please contact the **Victim Compensation Fund Office at 719.269.0170** to see if you qualify.

As a victim of one of the crimes specified in the Victim Rights Act, you may be entitled to the following services:

- Immediate crisis intervention and follow-up support
- Special services for juvenile, elderly or disabled victims

- Referral to public and private individuals and organizations providing:
 - » Mental health and social services
 - » Financial services
 - » Translation services
 - » Intervention with creditors, landlords and employers
 - » Legal Resources
 - » Rehabilitative services
 - » Transportation and child care services
 - » Information about obtaining public records, including police reports
 - » Information about obtaining protective orders
 - » Other support services

It is the victim’s right to request and utilize the services of the Victim Assistance Programs. If you have any questions concerning the prosecution of your case, contact the Victim Assistance Unit.

Victim’s Responsibilities

- Keep the District Attorney’s Office informed of his or her current name, address, email address and phone number
- To request notification upon release of the accused/convicted from jail
- To request notification of a defendant’s petition to stop sex offender registration
- To request correctional officials keep his or her personal information confidential

This brochure is based on a similar document created by the Fremont County Sheriff’s Office.
