



*The voice of crime victims!*

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**State constitution guarantees that  
crime victims & their families have the right to:**

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- Be treated with fairness & respect throughout the criminal justice process;
- Timely disposition of the case following arrest of the accused
- Be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process;
- Receive notification of court proceedings;
- Attend the trial and all other court proceedings;
- Communicate with the prosecution about the case;
- Object to or support any plea agreement entered into by the accused & the prosecution & to make a statement to the court prior to the court accepting a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the accused;
- Make a statement to the court at sentencing;
- Seek financial restitution;
- Information about the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of the accused.

*\* This summary of legal rights is subject to the full text of the statutes. Victims are entitled to rights as set forth in the statutes. If you don't understand your legal rights, you may wish to talk to an attorney or contact the OVA staff.*

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*For information regarding additional rights provided to crime victims please contact the OVA at 860-550-6632.*