



**U-VISA & T-VISA ASSISTANCE
AVAILABLE FOR
NON-IMMIGRANT VICTIMS**



**VICTIM / WITNESS ASSISTANCE UNIT
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**New Orleans Police Department
Special Victims Division**
701 Loyola Avenue, 1st Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113
(504) 658-5523

**Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office
Victim/ Witness Unit**
619 S. White Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119
(504) 822-2414

Crime Stoppers
(504) 822-1111
<http://crimestoppersgno.org>

Family Justice Center
701 Loyola Avenue, Ste. 201
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 592-4005

Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office
Crime Victim Assistance Program
2800 Perdido Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119
(504) 827-6754

Crime Victims Reparations Program
1-888-6- VICTIM
<http://lcle.la.gov/programs/cvr.asp>

Louisiana Victims Notification System (LAVNS)
(866) 528-6748

National Center for Victims of Crime
(800) 394-2255
<http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main>

VINELINK
(866) -528-6748
<https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state>



*Assistance for
Victims
of Crime*

ITEM NUMBER: _____

DISTRICT: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____

DETECTIVE NAME: _____

VWAU: _____

DATE: _____

RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS & WITNESSES

LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 46:1841-1844

LARS 46:1841- Legislative intent:

“In recognition of the civic and moral duty of victims and witnesses of crime to cooperate fully and voluntarily with law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, and in further recognition of the continuing importance of such citizen cooperation to state and local law enforcement efforts and the general effectiveness and well-being of the criminal justice system of this state, the legislature declares its intent, in this Chapter, to ensure that all victims and witnesses of crime are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity, and that the rights extended in this Chapter to victims and witnesses of crime are honored and protected by the law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges in a manner no less vigorous than the protection afforded the criminal defendants.”

The following is a synopsis of your right as provided by Louisiana Law if you are a victim or witness of a felony crime against the person.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- You must report the crime within 72 hours unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- You must designate a family member to be the contact for minor or homicide victims.
- You must provide your current address and phone number.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SHALL:

- Ensure that you receive emergency, medical, and social services as soon as possible
- Provide you with a crime victim's brochure
- Provide you with a Louisiana Victims Notice & Registration Form



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

- To be notified of the arrest of the accused
- To be present at all hearings, court proceedings and have advance notice of such hearings
- Not to be excluded from any portion of the hearing or trial unless you are a witness and the court orders you to be sequestered
- To be provided with a private setting when being interviewed by law enforcement
- To be informed as to what you can expect and what is expected of you and how to get information
- To be assisted in informing your employer of the need for you to miss work in order to cooperate with the prosecution of the case
- To be informed as soon as possible of any change affecting your appearance at a proceeding if you are scheduled to appear
- To be provided by the court, with a secure waiting area away from the defendant, his family and friends, whenever possible but always in the case of violent crimes
- To have your attorney confer with the agencies about the prosecution and disposition of the case
- To be consulted by the District Attorney for your view on dismissal, plea bargain, or sentencing alternatives
- To be given specific information about maximum and minimum sentencing and prison terms prior to the sentencing hearing
- To make an oral or written victim impact statement prior to sentencing
- To express your opinion at the sentencing hearing
- To request restitution if the defendant is found guilty
- To have personal property returned promptly when no longer needed as evidence

Once the defendant has been convicted and becomes an inmate, you have the right to be notified:

When he or she is released

- Of a pardon or parole hearing and the right to be present and make written or oral statements
- Immediately of an escape and within 48 hours of recapture
- Of the appeal, discharge, or parole of the defendant of a scheduled execution. A family member of the victim may be present



VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE UNIT

Provides the following assistance:

- * *Safety Planning*
- * *Victim Advocacy*
- * *Crisis Intervention*
- * *Crime Victims Reparations (Application Assistance)*
- * *Grief & Trauma Counseling*
- * *Community Resources*
- * *Referrals*
- * *Case Update Information*
- * *Information on the Criminal Justice Process*
- * *Victim Rights*

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