

INFORMATION AFTER A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT:

Date: _____

The item # for your report is: _____

The Officer's name who took your report is: _____

The defendant in your case will have a first appearance hearing within 72 hours after they are arrested at either Criminal District Magistrate Court or Municipal Court. You have the right to speak to the judge or magistrate who is presiding over the hearing.

Please visit www.opso.us/magistrate.html for more information about which section of Magistrate Court the defendant will be seen for their first appearance hearing.

Please visit www.vinelink.vineapps.com/state/LA to register for custody status notifications.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:

NOPD Special Victims Division Office: (504) 658-6780 – 7am to 5pm weekdays

Speak with a Domestic Violence Social Worker for information about NOPD's investigative process.

District Attorney's Office: (504) 822-2414, victimwitness@orleansda.com – 9am to 5pm weekdays

Ask to speak with a Victim/Witness Counselor for information about your case or accessing hearings.

Orleans Parish Sherriff Office: (504) 202-9229

For information about Crime Victims Reparations for financial compensation.

Advocacy Initiated Response Program:

You will also be contacted by an advocate from the New Orleans Family Justice Center at the phone number or email provided to the responding NOPD officer 1-3 days after the incident occurred.

If you were choked or strangled, it can be a terrifying experience and very dangerous.

Even if you don't have any marks, serious injuries can happen under the skin, get worse over a few days, cause long-term damage and even death

See a doctor and tell them you have been choked, especially if you have ANY symptoms that worry you or someone else. Stay with someone safe for 24 to 72 hours to watch for symptoms.

Go immediately to an emergency room if:

- You lose consciousness
- You have a hard time breathing
- It's painful to breathe
- You have trouble swallowing
- Your voice changed
- You have problems speaking

University Medical Center Emergency Room:

(504) 702-3931; 2000 Canal Street

Forensic exams available for domestic violence injuries, strangulation, and sexual assault

Help is Available!

Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone. It is wrong and it is not your fault.

Mary Claire's Place Emergency Shelter:

(504) 866-9554 (24 hours)

New Orleans Family Justice Center:

(504) 592-4005

Children's Advocacy Center:

(504) 894-5484

Louisiana Domestic Violence Hotline:

1(888) 411-1333 (24 hours)

FREE Services at the Family Justice Center Include:

- Safety Planning
- Protection Orders
- Documenting injuries
- Non-emergency medical care
- Forensic exams and after hospital follow up
- Legal Services (divorce, custody, housing)
- Immigration Assistance
- Crime Victims Reparations
- Counseling (children and adults)

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LOUISIANA VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Victims or designated family members of victims of certain crimes are entitled to certain rights under Louisiana's Crime Victim Bill of Rights (LA RS 46:1844)

You must file a Victim Notice and Registration Form with the NOPD, Clerk of Court, or DA's office to activate these rights:

- The right to receive emergency social or medical services as soon as possible.
- The right to be notified of a defendant's arrest, release on recognizance, posting of bond, release pending charges being filed, release due to rejection of charges by the District Attorney, escape, or re-apprehension.
- The right to requests for assistance by judicial and law enforcement agencies in informing employers that prosecution of the case may necessitate absence from work.
- The right to reasonable notice and to be present during all critical stages of pre-conviction and post-conviction proceedings, including the sentencing hearing.
- The right to be notified of scheduling changes of criminal justice proceedings.
- The right to consult with the prosecution prior to the trial, and to meet and discuss sentencing options with the prosecution before the final disposition of the case.
- The right to refuse to be interviewed by the accused or a representative of the accused.
- The right to review and comment upon the Pre-sentence Investigation Report prior to imposition of sentencing, and the right to be notified of the minimum and maximum sentence allowed by law.
- The right to make a written or oral victim impact statement.
- The right to seek restitution (court-ordered payment from someone who has been convicted) and crime victim reparations (for certain expenses from the state program) when eligible.
- The right to a reasonably prompt conclusion to the case.
- The right to protection from intimidation and harm.
- The right to a secure waiting area during court proceedings.

As a witness, you have many of the same rights as the victim (e.g., being provided with a secure waiting area during court proceedings, which does not require close contact with the defendant and their family or friends).