# YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES (NCGS) 15A-825

- To receive immediate medical assistance and not be detained for an unreasonable length of time for that assistance.
- Be provided with information regarding victim intimidation and be given protection from such.
- Be informed that it is not necessary to testify in court as to one's home address.
- Have stolen or other personal property returned as soon as possible when it is no longer needed for evidence.
- Be provided employer intercession services to seek the employer's cooperation with the system.
- Be provided, whenever possible, a secured waiting area during criminal proceedings that does not place the victim in close proximity to defendants.
- Be informed of procedures for receiving victim's compensation.
- Be informed of the right to be present throughout the entire trial of the defendant.
- Be given the opportunity to be present during the final disposition of the case or be informed of the final disposition, if requested.
- Be notified, whenever possible, that a court proceeding to which he/she has been subpoenaed will not occur.
- Have a victim statement prepared for consideration by the court.
- Prior to trial, be informed of plea bargaining procedures.
- Be informed that civil remedies may be available.
- Be notified before a proceeding is held at which the release of the offender is considered, if the crime is a Class G or more.
- Be notified if the offender escapes from custody or is released from custody for crimes of Class G or more.
- Have family members of a homicide victim offered all the guarantees of other victims.

# VICTIM COMPENSATION

#### The Rape Victim Assistance Program

The Rape Victim Assistance Program provides up to \$500.00 for medical and counseling expenses. To be eligible, you must have reported the assault to law enforcement within 72 hours of the attack, unless there was a good cause for delay.

#### Restitution

There are two programs under which crime victims may be compensated for injuries or loss of property. (1) Victims may request restitution through the court system in those cases where an arrest is made. Victims must contact the District Attorneys office prior to the court date so that a victim impact statement may be completed. (2) Victims of crime of DWI accidents who suffer an economic loss in excess of \$100.00 may be compensated through the Crime Victims Compensation Commission. The victim must report the crime to police within 72 hours of the occurrence and then submit a notarized form to the Commission.

#### NC Crime Victim's Compensation Fund

Established August 1987 – Provides compensation to victims who have suffered financial losses due to criminally injurious conduct. Compensation may not exceed \$30,000. (800) 826-6200 or (919) 733-7974

## "Crime knows no boundaries...

# It can happen to anyone."

Wake County District Attorney Victim Services Program (919) 792-5000

# **KNIGHTDALE POLICE**



# VICTIM ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

"The Knightdale Police Department is dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of all who live, work and visit the Town of Knightdale through professional policing and community partnerships. We are confident that Knightdale is among the safest communities in Wake County, but we are not fully immune to the effects of crime. In an effort to provide the best police services possible, the Knightdale Police Department has developed this brochure to assist crime victims in accessing a wide variety of services in their time of need. When crime happens to you or someone you know, please let us help."

> Lawrence Capps Town of Knightdale Chief of Police

# SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

#### LOCAL SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

Knightdale Police Criminal	919-217-2262
Investigation Division	
InterAct Hotline – Sexual Assault	919-828-3005
InterAct Hotline – DV	919-828-7740
Triangle Family Services	919-821-0790
Care-Line Information Referrals	919-855-4400
SAFEChild Advocacy Center	919-231-5515
Child/Adult Services	919-212-7000
Community Helpers Food Pantry	919-266-4050
Wake Med Raleigh Hospital	919-350-8000
Wake County Human Services	919-212-7000
Journey Church http://takeajourney.org/needhelp/	919-559-5289

#### NORTH CAROLINA SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

NC Victims Assistance	919-831-2857	
NC Victims Compensation	919-733-7974	
NC Center for Missing Children	800-522-KIDS	
NC Post Release Supervisor and Parole Commission	919-716-3010	
Victim Services	919- 716-3020	
Victim Information	919-716-3019	
NC Department of Corrections Victim Service Manager	919-733-4926	
Legal Aid Services	866-219-5262	
Address Confidentiality Program	919-716-6785	
NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence	919-956-9124	

## NATIONAL SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

National Center for Victims	202-467-8700
Of Crime	
National Center for Prevention	800-843-5678
Of Child Abuse	
National DV Hotline	800-799-SAFE

OVC's Online Directory of Crime Victim Services: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/help/welcome.html

# OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Wake County Clerk of Court	919-792-4000
Wake County Jail	919-255-7111
Wake County Sheriff's Office	919-856-6900
Wake County Magistrate	919-255-7700

#### AN ACCUSED'S OPPORTUNITY FOR PRE-TRIAL RELEASE

Upon arrest, a defendant must be brought before a magistrate who will determine the conditions of the defendant's pretrial release. The magistrate could require a written promise to appear, an unsecured or secured appearance bond, or custody release. In first degree murder cases and in domestic violence cases a judge must determine the pretrial release conditions. In domestic violence cases, if a judge is not available for 48 hours after the arrest, then a magistrate will decide on the pretrial release conditions.

SAVAN (Statewide Automated Victim Assistance and Notification) 877-627-2826 <u>http://www.ncsavan.org/</u>

#### IF YOU NEED PROTECTION

If you are threatened or intimidated by the offender, his family or friends, contact the detective or police officer assigned to the case. **If it is an emergency, call 911.** 

# IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CASE

Contact the detective or police officer assigned to the case.

Case Number	 	
Police Officer		
At Scene	 	
Detective		
Name of		
Defendant		

## TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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