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**BILL OF RIGHTS  
FOR  
OHIO CRIME VICTIMS**

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(A) To secure for victims justice and due process throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim shall have the following rights, which shall be protected in a manner no less vigorous than the rights afforded to the accused:

- (1) to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's safety, dignity and privacy;
- (2) upon request, to reasonable and timely notice of all public proceedings involving the criminal offense or delinquent act against the victim, and to be present at all such proceedings;
- (3) to be heard in any public proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole, or in any public proceeding in which a right of the victim is implicated;
- (4) to reasonable protection from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;
- (5) upon request, to reasonable notice of any release or escape of the accused;
- (6) except as authorized by section 10 of Article I of this constitution, to refuse an interview, deposition, or other discovery request made by the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;
- (7) to full and timely restitution from the person who committed the criminal offense or delinquent act against the victim;
- (8) to proceedings free from unreasonable delay and a prompt conclusion of the case;
- (9) upon request, to confer with the attorney for the government; and
- (10) to be informed, in writing, of all rights enumerated in this section.

Additional information regarding your rights as a crime victim can be obtained by calling the Victim/Witness Division of the Stark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office at 330-451-7452.

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**  
*Police/Fire Emergency: 911*  
*Voice/TTY*

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Stark County Jail	330-430-3850
Stark County Jail (Notice of Release Registration)	330-451-1400
VINE (Victim Info/Notification Everyday)	800-770-0192
Ohio Dept. Rehabilitations and Corrections - Victim Services (toll free)	888-842-8464
Crime Victim Compensation (toll free)	800-582-2877
Crime Victim Compensation - Stark County	330-451-7452

**COURT RELATED NUMBERS**

Stark County Prosecutor's Office	330-451-7897
Victim/Witness Division	330-451-7452
Coordinator Victim Services, Adult Div.	330-451-7112
Coordinator Victim Services, Juvenile Div.	330-451-7621
Coordinator of Adult Felony Theft & Fraud	330-451-7885
Coordinator of Domestic Violence Advocacy	330-451-7113
Municipal Court Victim Advocates	
Alliance	330-823-6610
Canton	330-451-7452
Massillon	330-830-2865
Alliance City Prosecutor's Office	330-823-6610
Canton City Prosecutor's Office	330-489-3395
Massillon City Prosecutor's Office	330-830-1718
Juvenile Court	330-451-7415
Adult Probation Department	330-451-7836

**REFERRAL NUMBERS**

Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter	330-823-7223
Alliance Rape Crisis Program	330-821-7273
Compass Rape Crisis Line	330-452-1111
Domestic Violence Project Inc. Hotline	330-453-7233
Coleman Crisis Services (Crisis Intervention)	330-452-6000
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.	330-456-8361
Stark County Job & Family Services	330-452-4661
The Children's Network of Stark County	330-451-1700

**OTHER**

United Way Information and Referral	330-491-9997
<a href="http://www.211oh.org">www.211oh.org</a>	

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**Stark County  
Prosecuting  
Attorney**

**JOHN D. FERRERO**

**INFORMATION  
FOR  
VICTIMS OF CRIME**



**VICTIM  
ASSISTANCE**

Stark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office  
Stark County Office Building  
110 Central Plaza South, Suite 510  
Canton, Ohio 44702  
330-451-7897

**A MESSAGE FROM  
Stark County Prosecuting Attorney  
John D. Ferrero**

Victims in Stark County can be assured that our staff will treat them with dignity and respect and that their RIGHTS as crime victims will be honored.

In November, 2017 Marsy's Law, named for Marsy Nichols who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in 1983, was enacted by voters as an amendment to Ohio's Constitution. Ohio is the sixth state to adopt the constitutional amendment, also known as the Ohio Crime Victim's Bill of Rights. My staff is dedicated to seeing that these RIGHTS are met for those crime victims whose cases enter the judicial process and to making every attempt to lessen the effects of any trauma encountered as a result of a crime.

The Victim/Witness Division of this office began in 1975, making it the oldest Prosecutor-based Victim Assistance program in the State of Ohio. During my tenure in office, it has been my pleasure to ensure that the services of this program have continued to grow and flourish. A full range of services are now available from well-trained staff and volunteers in Stark County's three Municipal Courts, Juvenile Court and the Court of Common Pleas. Advocates provide referrals for immediate assistance, court support, notification of case court dates, education regarding the criminal justice process and victims' rights. Specialized programming has been implemented for cases of child abuse, domestic violence and for survivors of homicide victims.

This brochure has been designed as an aid to crime victims. Staff in the Victim/Witness Division of this office are also available to personally help you Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the numbers printed on the back should you need assistance.

Sincerely,

John D. Ferrero  
Prosecuting Attorney

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**SERVICES OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

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If you have become a victim or witness of a crime in Stark County, Ohio, you are entitled to assistance from the Victim/Witness Division of the Stark County Prosecutor's Office. Becoming involved in a crime can be a very confusing and frustrating time for you and/or your family members so the help you receive will be practical, immediate and available to you whether or not the offender has been caught. The following is a list of some of the services of our programs:

- Provide referrals for community resources.
- Provide crisis counseling and intervention referrals for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors.
- Assist victims with completing Victim Impact Statements.
- Provide court support (accompaniment).
- Notify victims of case status and court hearing dates.
- Provide victims with Victims of Crime Compensation forms and attorney referrals.
- Provide special programming for child abuse victims.
- Provide services for those requesting interpreters or special needs assistance for court hearings.

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**The Ohio VINE Service**

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VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) is a toll free hotline service which gives interested victims and/or family members and concerned citizens an additional opportunity to be informed about vital custody and court event information regarding an inmate in any of Ohio's county jails or state prisons 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Callers may also register, via a touch-tone phone, to receive automatic telephone notification if the defendant is released, transferred, escapes or for upcoming court events. A telephone number and PIN number must be provided for notification registration.

For more information contact VINE services at:  
1-800-770-0192  
TTY 1-866-847-1298  
[www.vineline.com](http://www.vineline.com)

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**OHIO VICTIMS of CRIME  
COMPENSATION PROGRAM  
1-800-582-2877 (toll free)**

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In 1976, the Ohio Legislature created the Victims of Crime Compensation Program to provide reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses which crime victims may incur. The program is administered by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. See crime victims compensation guidelines below:

**Who may be eligible to receive a payment:**

- Those injured during a violent crime.
- Dependents of people killed in crimes.
- Anyone responsible for a crime victim's finances, such as a parent or guardian.

**Who cannot receive a payment:**

- Anyone convicted of a felony offense within 10 years before the crime or while the compensation application is pending.
- Anyone convicted of child endangering or domestic violence within 10 years before the crime or while the compensation application is pending.
- Anyone who engaged in misconduct that caused or contributed to the injuries.

**Payments can cover:**

- Medical and related expenses.
- Counseling for immediate family members of victims of homicide, sexual assault or domestic violence.
- Wages lost because of the crime.
- Crime scene cleanup for personal security.
- The cost to replace items taken as evidence.
- The cost to replace items of clothing damaged as a result of medical treatment or assessment.
- Payment for hearing aids, eyeglasses or other vision aids, dental appliances, teeth or other dental aids, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and other mobility equipment.
- Lost wages and travel expenses for family members of a deceased victim to attend court proceedings.
- Financial support for dependents of a deceased victim.
- Funeral and burial expenses.

Total payments are limited to \$50,000 and payments cannot be made for pain and suffering or for stolen, damaged or lost property.

The Attorney General's office will not pay victims for expenses that can be covered by other sources, such as insurance.

To be eligible for compensation, the crime must be reported to law enforcement and the victim must cooperate with requests from law enforcement.

Apply for Victims Compensation Online at:  
[www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov)