

OUR MISSION

Our primary goal is to assist victims and families through the confusing, and sometimes overwhelming criminal justice system, with respect and compassion. We strive to provide guidance and resources that aid recovery and healing.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Prosecutor's Office Frankfort Police	659-6350 654-4431
State Police	800-382-7537

Crisis Pregnancy Center 659-2444

YWCA Domestic Violence Crisis Line 888-345-1118 Community Counseling 659-4771

Rape Survivor Advocacy 765-742-0244

765-423-

Division of Family and Children 654-

Adult Protective Services THE CLINTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM

THE RIGHT to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect throughout the criminal justice process.

THE RIGHT to be informed if the accused has been released or escaped from custody or disposition and sentence upon request..

THE RIGHT to confer with the Prosecuting Attorney assigned to your case after charges have been filed, before trial and before disposition of the case.

THE RIGHT to have your personal safety considered in pre-trial release determination decisions.

THE RIGHT to be heard at the sentencing hearing through a victim impact statement. You also have the right to make a written statement to be included in the presentence investigation report if the accused is found guilty.

THE RIGHT to pursue restitution and other civil remedies against the accused.

THE RIGHT to be informed of your right.s.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

ACCOMPANYMENT TO COURT

A courtroom can be an intimidating and uncomfortable place. We are available to accompany you to court upon your request.

NOTIFICATION OF COURT DATES

A typical criminal case may have numerous court dates, including bond hearings, suppression hearings, trial, plea and sentencing hearings. These hearings are often rescheduled or continued. We will do our best to notify you of all court dates and all changes in the dates so that you can stay apprised of the progress of the case and attend any hearing if you desire.

ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING AND MAK-ING A VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

If the offender is convicted, you have the right to make a victim impact statement to the court at the sentencing hearing. The statement can be made in writing or in court. Upon request, we are available to assist you in preparing your statement and in presenting your statement to the court.

ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A NO CONTACT ORDER

If you are fearful of the offender, or if you feel the need to have a court order prohibiting the offender from having contact with you, please notify our office. We will assist you in obtaining a No Contact Order from the court.

NOTIFICATION OF PLEA NEGOTIATIONS

We will make every attempt to keep you apprised of plea negotiations and any sentencing that the prosecutor intends to recommend to the court. You also have the right to discuss the proposed plea agreement or sentencing with the victim assistant and we encourage you to make our office and the court aware of your thoughts and feelings concerning any possible plea agreement.

ASSISTANCE OBTAINING RESTITUTION

Restitution can be ordered for certain losses as part of an offender's sentence. We will assist you request restitution from the court.