



VICTIM'S RIGHTS REQUEST

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WAS UNABLE / UNWILLING TO COMPLETE THE VICTIM'S RIGHTS REQUEST.

VICTIM OF (SELECT ONE):
 VIOLATION OF A PROTECTION ORDER
 OFFENSE OF VIOLENCE
 SEXUALLY-ORIENTED OFFENSE
 OTHER

OFFICER / PROSECUTOR INFORMATION

REPORTING AGENCY OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL	REPORTING OFFICER	UNIT NUMBER
COUNTY	AGENCY PHONE NUMBER	INCIDENT / CRASH / CASE NUMBER
DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF ARRAIGNMENT (IF KNOWN)		
PROSECUTOR	PROSECUTOR PHONE NUMBER	
PROSECUTOR ADDRESS		

VICTIM INFORMATION (To be completed by the Victim. This information is not a public record under R.C. 149.43)

VICTIM NAME	ADDRESS*		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE CALL <input type="checkbox"/> TEXT	

As the victim, I do not wish to receive notices about this case. Please provide notices to my representatives.

For Businesses Only:

As the representative for _____ (business name), I would like to opt out of the business's victim's rights in this case and future cases unless I notify law enforcement, the prosecutor, or the court otherwise.

(* If you participate in the Secretary of State's Address Confidentiality Program "Safe at Home", please use the post office box address given to you.

VICTIM RIGHTS

Below are rights that you must request in order to exercise. **You may choose some, none, or all of them. Failure to select any of these rights is a waiver of the rights. However, you may request or modify these rights at a later time by completing a new Victim's Rights Request.**
I want to exercise the following rights:

<input type="checkbox"/> Receive notice of the arrest, escape, or release of the offender;	<input type="checkbox"/> Reasonable and timely notice of all public court proceedings;
<input type="checkbox"/> Confer with the prosecutor assigned to the case;	<input type="checkbox"/> Be notified of subpoenas, motions, or other requests to access any of my personal information; and
<input type="checkbox"/> Appoint a Victim's Representative (if you check this, please fill out the Victim's Representative section below).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Redactions of my name, address, and identifying information from records associated with this incident for the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor <input type="checkbox"/> Court Records	
<input type="checkbox"/> I request interpretation services during contacts with criminal justice system officials. <input type="checkbox"/> Language Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> American Sign Language	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please provide my name and contact information, and that of my representative (if applicable) to the custodial agency, if any.	

VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

(Optional - You may change or remove your victim's representative at any time by completing a new Victim's Rights Request Form and return it to the Ohio State Highway Patrol)

You can designate a victim's representative to exercise your rights as a victim for you or with you. A victim's representative can be anyone you choose other than the person who is alleged to have committed the criminal offense or delinquent act

VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE NAME	ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMPLETED FORM

COMPLETED BY:
 VICTIM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PROSECUTOR OTHER

PROVIDED TO:
 VICTIM VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE

OFFICER'S NAME	OFFICER'S SIGNATURE X	DATE
VICTIM / VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE NAME	VICTIM / VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE X	DATE

ELECTION OF YOUR VICTIM'S RIGHTS

As a victim, you are automatically entitled to

- Be informed of your rights;
 - Be treated with fairness and respect for your safety, dignity, and privacy;
 - Reasonable protection from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;
 - Receive information about the status of the case;
 - Refuse a defense interview, deposition, or other discovery request;
 - Object to defense requests for access to your confidential information, including medical, counseling, school, or employment records, access to your personal devices, online accounts, or other personal information;
 - Be present at all public proceedings;
 - Have a support person with you during proceedings;
 - Tell the court your opinion in public proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, parole, and any other hearing that involves your rights;
 - Object to unreasonable delays; and
 - Full and timely restitution from the offender.
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If you are a victim of violating a protection order, an offense of violence, or a sexually oriented offense and do not complete this form, it is considered an assertion of all victim's rights until this form is completed or rights are requested during contact with the prosecutor. Once contacted by a prosecutor, you will no longer be opted in and you must request your rights in order to exercise them. If any of your rights are denied, you may ask the advocate or prosecutor to help, seek enforcement on your own, hire an attorney, or request free legal assistance from the Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center (614-848-8500).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR VICTIM OR VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE

WHAT TO DO IF THERE ARE CHANGES TO MY CONTACT INFORMATION?

If you have changes to your contact information, you have a responsibility to inform the Ohio State Highway Patrol of these changes. You must complete a new copy of this form to update your information or change your election of rights.

CAN I HIRE AN ATTORNEY?

You have the right to hire an attorney to represent you in court. Your attorney will receive notices about court hearings and meetings that involve your rights in order to represent you.

CAN I KEEP MY PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE?

Yes, you may register for the Ohio Secretary of State's "Safe at Home" program to keep your home address private. Participants receive a "safe" mailing address to use official documents. Information is available at www.ohiosos.gov/secretary-office/office-initiatives/safe-at-home/survivors/ or (614) 995-2255.

You can request redactions to your information in this matter by selecting the check box on the front page of this form. To request redactions to your information on motor vehicle crash reports, please contact the Department of Public Safety at traffstats@dps.ohio.gov. To keep your identifying information private, you or your victim's representative must make a written request for redaction to any law enforcement agency, prosecutor, or court that has your personal information as part of their official duties. For more information on how to do this, contact a victim advocate in your area or the Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center at www.ocvjc.org/request-for-assistance or (614) 848-8500. These requests should be made as soon as possible to keep your personal information private.

HOW CAN I ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS REGARDING THE DEFENDANT?

If you have concerns about your safety and keeping your information private, you have the following options:

- Seek a protection order if you are eligible. The investigating officer will provide resources in your area to assist with requesting a protection order.
- Receive texts, calls, or emails to receive notice of a defendant or offender's release or escape from jail or prison. Register at: www.vinelink.com/#state-selection or (866) 277-7477.
- You do NOT have to talk to, provide information, or provide materials to the defendant, defendant's attorney, or anyone else acting on behalf of the defendant unless it has been ordered by the court. You should contact the prosecutor immediately to let them know you have been contacted.

WHAT IS AN ARRAIGNMENT AND HOW IS IT IMPORTANT TO MY RIGHTS?

An arraignment is a hearing that can happen within a couple days after the defendant is charged with a crime. The judge will decide whether or not to release the defendant on bond, set any bond conditions, and whether or not to issue a protection order.

You have the right to attend the arraignment and tell the judge about any safety concerns and your opinion regarding the defendant's release, bond conditions, and whether or not you would like a protection order.

Law enforcement will notify you of the defendant's arrest and give you a phone number for the clerk of the court where you can get information on the date, time, and location of the arraignment proceeding.

CAN I BE COMPENSATED FOR MY LOSSES?

You have the right to reimbursement for certain financial losses relating to your victimization.

You may be eligible for financial assistance through the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund for expenses such as medical counseling bills, work loss, and funeral expenses even if the suspect has not been arrested or convicted. For more information and to apply, visit www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/individuals-and-families/victims/apply-for-victims-compensation or (800) 582-2877.

If the defendant is convicted, you are eligible for restitution. This means the court orders the offender to pay you for certain financial losses relating to your victimization. It is important to keep a record of all expenses incurred as a result of the crime (receipts, invoices, estimates, etc.). The court will use this information to determine what costs are properly included in the amount of the restitution order.

VICTIM RESOURCES

For more information on protection orders and other rights and resources available to victims, use the link below.



Ohio Attorney General's Office – Victim Services
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims
1-800-582-2877 (toll free)

Ohio Supreme Court
www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/marsy-s-law-and-crime-victim-rights
614-387-9000

Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
www.ocvjc.org/victims-rights-toolkit