



# VICTIM & WITNESS RIGHTS

## **JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

501 E. Bay Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Emergency: 9-1-1 (*TTY Services Available*)

Non-Emergency: (904) 630-0500

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## **Message from Sheriff T.K. Waters**



If you are reading this booklet, you or someone close to you has been the victim of a crime. I regret that this has happened to you. As your Sheriff, I commit to you the resources and services of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to assist you.

The services listed in this publication are carefully tailored to meet your needs. They can be very useful to you as you go through the investigation and other aspects of the criminal justice system. In the coming weeks you may experience many feelings such as frustration, confusion, sadness and anger. Talking with someone who understands can help.

The employees of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will use their professional skills and work hard to uncover the facts, identify the responsible person or people, and work for a successful prosecution. To make this process a little easier for you, we have provided two support services: a Victim Advocate and the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) System.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office cares about you. We are working every day to support victims of crime and their families.

Sincerely,

*T.K. Waters*

T.K. Waters, Sheriff  
Duval County, FL

## **Your Case Information**

**Law Enforcement Agency:** Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)

**Emergency:** 9-1-1 (*TTY Services Available*)

**JSO's Non-Emergency:** (904) 630-0500

**JSO's General Information:** (904) 630-7600

**Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Report:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**Incident Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Officer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer's ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VINE Pin Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Local Resources**

### **Domestic Violence Center: Hubbard House**

- [hubbardhouse.org](http://hubbardhouse.org)
- 24-Hour hotline:  
(904) 354-3114 or  
1-800-500-1119
- TTY: (904) 354-3958

### **Certified Rape Crisis Center: The Women's Center of Jack- sonville (*Rape Recovery Team*)**

- [thewcj.org](http://thewcj.org)
- 5644 Colcord Avenue,  
Jacksonville, FL 32211
- Phone: (904) 722-3000
- 24-Hour Rape Crisis Hotline:  
(904) 721-7273

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### **PLEASE NOTE**

*This booklet references certain crimes, but it is a tool for victims of all types of crimes. Brochures pertaining to specific crimes can be obtained on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's website ([www.fdle.state.fl.us](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us)) in the Publications section.*

## WHO IS A VICTIM?

“A victim is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed. **The term victim includes the victim’s lawful representative, the parent or guardian of a minor, or the next of kin of a homicide victim, except upon a showing that the interest of such individual would be in actual or potential conflict with the interests of the victim.** *The term “victim” does not include the accused.*” Article I, Section 16(b)(11), Florida Constitution



This brochure provides an overview of the criminal justice process and your rights within this process. The person providing you this brochure may only handle a portion of the process. Please refer to pages 15-18 of this brochure for contact information for agencies that can assist you.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance administered by the department and its providers. Any applicant or participant who believes he or she has been denied services may file a complaint with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs or the Department of Children and Families, Office of Civil Rights within 180 days of the alleged violation.

No person shall be retaliated against, harassed, intimidated, threatened, coerced or discriminated against for making a charge, testifying, assisting or participating in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing for opposing alleged unlawful discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal laws.

### IMMIGRANT VICTIMS

If you are a domestic violence victim and have immigration concerns, you may call the Florida Domestic Violence Legal Hotline for confidential help and referral to legal and other services. **1-800-500-1119, choose language prompt then choose prompt #3 for the legal hotline**

## **AS A CRIME VICTIM, THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES YOU THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS**

*Article 1, Section 16(b), Florida Constitution*

- **The right to** due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for your dignity.
- **The right to** be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
- **The right,** within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused. However, this is not intended to create a special relationship between the crime victim and any law enforcement agency or office absent a special relationship or duty as defined by Florida law.
- **The right to** have your safety and welfare as well as your family's considered when setting bail, including setting pretrial release conditions that could affect you or your family's safety and welfare.
- **The right to** prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass you or your family, or which could disclose your confidential or privileged information.
- **The right to** the prompt return of your property when no longer needed as evidence in the case.
- **The right to** full and timely restitution in every case and from each convicted offender for all losses you suffered, both directly and indirectly, because of the criminal conduct.
- **The right to** proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post judgment proceedings. (In appropriate cases, the prosecutor may file a good faith demand for a speedy trial. In non-capital cases, all state-level appeals and post-conviction proceedings must be complete within two years and five years for capital cases, unless the court enters an order with specific findings concerning why the court was unable to do so and the circumstances causing the delay.)
- **The right to** be informed of your state constitutional rights, and to be informed that you can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to your rights.

## **AS A CRIME VICTIM, YOU ARE AFFORDED THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UPON REQUEST**

- **The right to** reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of, and to be present at, all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct, including, but not limited to, trial, plea, sentencing, or adjudication, even if you will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary. **(For this purpose, consider providing the prosecutor an address, an email address, or a telephone number at which you can be reached quickly, and update this information during the pendency of your case.)** You shall also be provided reasonable, accurate, and

timely notice of any release or escape of the defendant or delinquent, and any proceeding during which a right of yours is implicated.

- **The right to** be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of yours is implicated.
- **The right to** confer with the prosecuting attorney concerning any plea agreements, participation in pretrial diversion programs, release, restitution, sentencing, or any other disposition of the case.
- **The right to** provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on you and your family to the individual responsible for conducting any presentence investigation or compiling any presentence investigation report, and to have any such information considered in any sentencing recommendations submitted to the court.
- **The right to** receive a copy of any presentence report, and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for such portions made confidential or exempt by law.
- **The right to** be informed of the conviction, sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from custody.
- **The right to** be informed of all post conviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. The parole or early release authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the offender.
- **The right to** be informed of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the governor, the court, any clemency board, and other authority in these procedures, and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made; and to be notified of such decision in advance of any release of the offender.

## **ALL RIGHTS AFFORDED BY THE CONSTITUTION ARE ENFORCEABLE**

*Article 1, section 16(c), Florida Constitution*

The victim, the retained attorney of the victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the office of the state attorney upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of these rights and any other right afforded to a victim by law in any trial or appellate court, or before any other authority with jurisdiction over the case, as a matter of right. The court or other authority with jurisdiction shall act promptly on such a request, affording a remedy by due course of law for the violation of any right. The reasons for any decision regarding the disposition of your right shall be clearly stated on the record.

## **ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS**

The stages of the criminal justice system are as follows:

### **PRETRIAL**

After committing a crime:

- An offender may be arrested by a law enforcement officer;
- A court can issue an arrest warrant;
- A State Attorney's Office may file an Information; or
- A grand jury may recommend charges by returning an Indictment or Presentment.

**FIRST APPEARANCE** - (Following the Arrest) If the defendant cannot post bond within hours of the arrest or has been arrested on a no bond offense, or committed a crime which requires a first appearance, the court holds a "first appearance" hearing. The Judge decides whether the defendant can be released and if so, what conditions are necessary to protect you and the witnesses and the public.

*First Appearance Court occurs within 24 hours of a suspect's arrest. Each suspect arrested must appear before a Judge, except for misdemeanor charges when an administrative bond is set. The Judge will determine if there is probable cause for the suspect's arrest; determine conditions of pretrial release; and decide whether a monetary bond should be set. If appropriate the Judge will appoint a defense attorney if the suspect cannot afford one.*

*First Appearance takes place at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day in courtroom J-1 located at the Pretrial Detention Facility (jail), 500 E. Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. To find out more about court proceedings, please call (904) 630-5882.*

**INTAKE** – If probable cause is found, the State Attorney's Office may choose to file charges and summons the suspect into court. You may be required to meet with your State Attorney's office. Law enforcement, prosecuting attorney

neys or any other government official cannot ask or require a victim of a sexual offense to submit to a polygraph examination or truth telling device as a condition of the investigation.

**FILING OF FORMAL CHARGES** - The State Attorney's Office may file formal charges after reviewing law enforcement arrest reports, and within 21 days in certain circumstances. The State Attorney's office has discretion whether to prosecute a person for a crime. The State Attorney's Office must inform any victims of its decision.

**ARRAIGNMENT** - The accused is formally charged and enters a plea of guilty, not guilty, or no contest. The State Attorney's Office will notify you of the arraignment date. You have the right to be present at the arraignment. In some cases, there will not be a formal arraignment hearing in court.

**RELEASE HEARING (SETTING BOND)** - If the defendant was unable to post a bond after the initial arrest, or if bond was not set, the defendant is entitled to a bond hearing. The State Attorney's Office will notify you of the scheduled hearing and you will have an opportunity to speak regarding the defendant's release and conditions or have the State Attorney make known your wishes.

**PRETRIAL CONFERENCE** - There may be numerous pretrial conferences (including case status conferences) that allow the court to ensure the case is progressing in a timely manner. You, as a victim, will receive notice of the hearing dates. You are not required to attend these hearings, unless subpoenaed, but you have a right to be present and a victim advocate or your attorney can accompany you or attend these proceedings on your behalf, if you choose.

**DISCOVERY (PREPARATION FOR TRIAL) -**

**Subpoenas.** You may receive a subpoena for trial, a deposition and/or other hearings. A subpoena summons a person to appear at the time date and location specified.

**Depositions.** The defendant's attorney can issue a subpoena for you to appear for a deposition. You have right to request a victim advocate from the government or non-profit sector to attend the deposition with you. You have the right, as a victim who is not incarcerated, to not be required to attend discovery depositions in any correctional facility.

**PLEA NEGOTIATIONS** - Many cases are settled through a plea negotiation where the defendant pleads guilty or no contest without a trial. The State

Attorney's Office must consult with the victim before finalizing the plea agreement with the defendant.

**PRETRIAL INTERVENTION/DIVERSION PROGRAM** - According to their discretion and office policy, the State Attorney's Office may agree to utilize pretrial intervention and diversion programs.

**Pretrial Intervention Program.** Defendants with no more than one nonviolent misdemeanor, who is charged with any misdemeanor or any third degree felony is eligible for release to the pretrial intervention program on approval of the administrator of the program and the consent of the victim, the State Attorney, and the judge. Successful completion of the program results in a dismissal of the charges.

**Diversion Program.** Diversion is similar to probation where the defendant accepts responsibility for the offense and is released under supervision for six months to a year. During the program, the probation office supervises the defendant. You have a right to provide the State Attorney with your opinion on the defendant's participation in the pretrial division program.

## **TRIAL**

Generally, the prosecutor presents evidence to either the judge or a jury about the case. The defendant may be found guilty or not guilty. The process ends if the defendant is found not guilty. You, as a victim, may be called to testify.

The State Attorney's Office will assist you during this process. You cannot be excluded from any hearing, trial or proceeding relating to the offense. Your rights involving the trial stage are listed in this brochure.

## **SENTENCING**

**PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION (PSI)** - You have the right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on you and your family to the individual responsible for conducting and/or compiling the presentence investigation. You have a right to review the non-confidential portions of the presentence investigation prior to the sentencing hearing.

**SENTENCING HEARING** - If the defendant is found or pleads guilty, the judge reviews sentencing guidelines, plea agreements, and other factors and determines what type of sentence the defendant should receive. You have a right to provide an oral and/or written victim impact statement (VIS) to the State Attorney's Office at any time before the court imposes the sentence.

NOTE: If the victim and the offender attend the same school, the victim's parents have the right to attend the sentencing or disposition of the offender and request that the offender be required to attend a different school. (sec. 960.001(1)(s), Florida Statutes)

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE PROCESS**

**INTAKE** - The process of determining where a child under the age of 18 will be placed until the case is resolved. There are three forms of detention status: home, non-secure or secure.

**DIVERSION PROGRAMS** – This is an alternative to trial where the juvenile is placed in a community- based program such as juvenile arbitration, juvenile alternative services program (JASP), or a treatment plan (Walker plan). If a juvenile successfully completes the diversion program, then the charges are generally dismissed.

**FORMAL CHARGES** - The filing of a petition in court by the State Attorney's Office. The charge may be filed in either juvenile court or adult court, depending upon the crime and age of the offender.

**ARRAIGNMENT** - The accused is formally charged and enters a plea of guilty, not guilty, or no contest.

**ADJUDICATORY HEARING** - The trial of the juvenile, conducted in front of a judge. The judge will decide whether the juvenile committed the charged offense(s).

**DISPOSITIONAL HEARING (SENTENCING)** - When a juvenile is found to have committed a delinquent act, the court will hold a dispositional hearing to determine which sanctions to impose on the juvenile. The sanctions could range from community-based sanctions like probation and community services up to residential commitment.

**JUVENILES TRIED AS ADULTS** - Juveniles who commit very serious crimes may be tried as adults. Juveniles who are prosecuted as adults may be sentenced to adult or juvenile sanctions.

*This is not an exhaustive overview of the criminal justice system but is meant as an overview for how the process works. Each court and case could have unique components. You may contact your State Attorney or your assigned Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate for more information regarding the stages of the criminal justice and juvenile justice processes.*

## ADDITIONAL VICTIMS RIGHTS UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES

- You have the right to employ private counsel
- In some cases, you (or relatives where the victim is deceased) may be eligible for financial compensation from the State of Florida. Information regarding eligibility may be obtained from the State Attorney's Office, local Witness Coordination Office (where available), law enforcement agency or from the Bureau of Crimes Compensation, Office of the Attorney General - 1-800-226-6667, website: [www.myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf](http://www.myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf). The right to receive information on available crisis intervention services and local community services to include counseling, shelter, legal assistance, or other types of help, depending on the particular circumstances. Telephone numbers of these services are provided at the end of this brochure. *(sec. 960.001(1)(a)1, Florida Statutes)*
- The right to receive information regarding the stages of the criminal justice or juvenile justice processes and the way information about such stages may be obtained. *(sec. 960.001(1)(a)4, Florida Statutes)*
- A victim who is incarcerated has the right upon request to be informed and submit written statements at all stages of the criminal and juvenile proceedings. *(sec. 960.001(1)(a)6, Florida Statutes)*
- The right to receive information on the steps available to law enforcement and the State Attorney's Office to protect you from intimidation and/or harassment. It is a third-degree felony to knowingly use intimidation or physical force; threaten another person or attempt to do so; engage in misleading conduct toward another person; or offer pecuniary benefit or gain to another person. If you are being threatened or intimidated, please contact the **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at (904) 630-0500** or any law enforcement officer. *(sec. 960.001(1)(c), Florida Statutes)*
- The right of the victim of domestic violence to be informed of the address confidentiality program administered through the Attorney General's Office. You may contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-800-226-6667. The State Attorney's Office may assist with this paperwork if necessary. *(sec. 960.001(1)(c), Florida Statutes)*
- The right of each victim, or witness, who has been scheduled to attend a criminal or juvenile justice proceeding to be notified as soon as possible by the agency or person scheduling his/her appearance of

any change in scheduling which will affect the victim's or witness's appearance. (*sec. 960.001(1)(d), Florida Statutes*)

- The right to receive advance notification of judicial and post judicial proceedings relating to the case, including all proceedings or hearings relating to:
  - ☐ The arrest of the accused.
  - ☐ The release of the accused pending judicial proceedings, and any modification of release condition to include release to community control or work release.
  - ☐ Proceedings in the prosecution or petition for delinquency of the accused, including the filing of the accusatory instrument; the arraignment; disposition of the accusatory instrument; trial or adjudicatory hearing, sentencing or disposition hearing; appellate review; subsequent modification of sentence; collateral attack of a judgment; and when a term of imprisonment, detention, or involuntary commitment is imposed, the release of the defendant or juvenile offender from such imprisonment, detention or juvenile offender from such imprisonment; detention or commitment by expiration of sentence or parole and any meeting held to consider such release. (*sec. 960.001(1)(e), Florida Statutes*)
- In addition to the provisions of sec. 921.143, Florida Statutes, the rights of the victim of a felony involving physical or emotional injury or trauma, or in a case in which the victim is a minor child or in a case involving a homicide, the guardian or family of the victim shall be consulted by the State Attorney in order to obtain the views of the victim or family about the disposition of any criminal or juvenile case brought about as a result of such crime, including their views about:
  - ☐ The release of the accused pending judicial proceedings.
  - ☐ Plea Agreements.
  - ☐ Participation in pretrial diversion programs.
  - ☐ Sentencing of the accused.
- The right to request that the State Attorney or law enforcement agency help you explain to employers and creditors that you may face additional burdens by taking time off from work to assist law enforcement and you may undergo serious financial strain either because of the crime or by cooperating with authorities. (*sec. 960.001(1)(i), Florida Statutes*)

- Law Enforcement agencies and the State Attorney shall inform you of your right to request and receive restitution and of your rights of enforcement in the event an offender does not pay. The State Attorney shall seek your assistance in the documentation of your losses for the purpose of requesting and receiving restitution. If an order of restitution is converted to a civil lien or civil judgment against the defendant, the Clerk of Court's office shall make available at their office, as well as on their website, information provided by the Secretary of State, the court, or The Florida Bar on enforcing the civil lien or judgment. The State Attorney shall inform you if and when restitution is ordered. *(sec. 960.001(1)(j), Florida Statutes)*
- The right to receive reasonable consideration and assistance from employees of the State Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, or Police Department. When requested, you will be assisted in locating accessible transportation and parking and shall be directed to separate pre-trial waiting areas when such facilities are available. When requested, you shall receive assistance in attempting to locate translators when practicable. *(sec. 960.001(1)(n), Florida Statutes)*
- The right of the victim of a sexual offense to have the courtroom cleared, with certain exceptions during his or her testimony, regardless of the victim's age or mental capacity. *(sec. 960.001(q), Florida Statutes)*
- The right to request, in certain circumstances that the offender be required to attend a different school than the victim or siblings of the victim. If the victim of an offense committed by a juvenile is a minor, the victim or any sibling of the victim attends or is eligible to attend the same school as that of the offender, the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Corrections shall notify the victim's parent or legal guardian of the right to attend the sentencing or disposition of the offender and request that the offender be required to attend a different school. *(sec. 960.001(1)(s), Florida Statutes)*
- The right of the victim who is not incarcerated to not be required to attend discovery depositions in any correctional facility. *(sec. 960.001(6), Florida Statutes)*
- The statutory obligation of the victim, parent/guardian of a minor victim, or next of kin of a homicide victim, that any information gained pursuant to Chapter 960, Florida Statutes, regarding any case handled in juvenile court, must not be revealed to any outside party, except as

reasonably necessary in pursuit of legal remedies. (*sec. 960.001(8), Florida Statutes*)

- The right to know in certain cases and at the earliest possible opportunity, if the person charged with an offense has tested positive for hepatitis and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. In such cases, upon request of the victim or the victim's legal guardian, or the parent or legal guardian of the victim if the victim is a minor, the court shall order such person to undergo hepatitis and HIV testing within 48 hours after the charging document is filed or 48 hours from the date of request. (*Section 960.003, Florida Statutes*)
- The right of a victim of a sexual offense to request the presence of a victim advocate during the forensic medical examination. An advocate from a certified rape crisis center shall be permitted to attend any forensic medical examination (*sec. 960.001(1)(u), Florida Statutes*) Additionally, victims of sexual offenses can request evidence collected during the investigation be forensically tested by a criminal analysis laboratory for the purpose of furthering the investigation (*sec. 943.326(2)(b), Florida Statutes*)
- If a victim has been diagnosed with autism or an autism spectrum disorder, he or she or the parent or guardian, has the right to request that a public safety official make a good faith effort to ensure that a related professional, such as a mental health counselor, special education instructor or clinical social worker be present for all interviews of the individual. All expenses related to the attendance of the professional at the interviews are the responsibility of the requesting victim, parent or guardian; however, the defendant shall reimburse the victim for all expenses related to the attendance of the professional at the interviews, in addition to restitution and penalties provided by law. (*sec. 943.0439, Florida Statutes*)
- The right of a victim, if contacted, to obtain information relating to a criminal proceeding by an attorney, investigator, or any other agent acting on behalf of the criminal defendant, to be informed of (1) the person's name and employer and (2) the fact that such person is acting on behalf of the defendant. (*sec. 960.001(1)(v), Florida Statutes*)

# REFERRAL NUMBERS

## JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# REFERRAL NUMBERS

VICTIM ADVOCATES - (904) 630-1764

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION - (904) 630-2170

Auto Crimes	(904) 630-2173
Burglary	(904) 630-2175
Cold Case	(904) 255-2626
Economic Crimes	(904) 630-2177
Homicide	(904) 630-2172
Missing Persons	(904) 630-2627
Robbery & Violent Crimes	(904) 630-2179
Special Assault	(904) 630-2168
Traffic Homicide	(904) 630-2178
<b>To ask about RECOVERED PROPERTY</b>	<b>(904) 588-0005</b>

### PATROL DIVISION - (904) 630-2190

District 1 (5258-13 Norwood Ave., 32208)	(904) 630-8144
District 2 (9119 Merrill Rd., Suite 26, 32225)	(904) 630-8166
District 3 (8875 Liberty Ridge Drive, Suite 110, 32256)	(904) 630-8100
District 4 (3726 Blanding Blvd., 32210)	(904) 630-8133
District 5 (Edward Waters University, 1767 Kings Rd., 32209)	(904) 470-8900
District 6 (1680 Dunn Ave., Suite 39, 32218)	(904) 630-8688

**CRIME TIPS** - Please scan the QR Code to the right or visit [jaxsheriff.org](http://jaxsheriff.org)

[Search Term: Crime Tips]

**Email Crime Tips to: [JSOCrimeTips@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOCrimeTips@jaxsheriff.org)**

This email address is not monitored 24 hours a day. *If this is an emergency please call 9-1-1 immediately or (904) 630-0500 for a non-emergency. If you observed suspicious activity anywhere in the city please call 9-1-1 immediately. (TTY Services Available)*



### HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND PARTNER WITH POLICE

Please scan the QR Code to the left OR visit [jaxsheriff.org](http://jaxsheriff.org)

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## REFERRAL NUMBERS

**Abuse Registry  
(Elderly and Children)**  
1-800-962-2873

**Crimes Compensation  
(Attorney General)**  
1-800-226-6667  
[www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com)

**Florida Bar Lawyer  
Referral Service**  
1-800-342-8060

**VICTIM INFORMATION &  
NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY (VINE)**  
1-877-846-3435

TTY: 1-866-847-1298

[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

*VINE provides custody status and  
criminal case information.*

*Registration is required for this service*

**Office of the State Attorney for the  
Fourth Judicial Circuit**  
(904) 255-2500

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ON A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT SERVICES AVAILABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, CONTACT THE UNITED WAY AT 2-1-1 OR YOUR VICTIM ADVOCATE AT (904) 630-1764.

### COUNSELING SERVICES AND SELF-HELP SUPPORT GROUPS

#### **Mental Health:**

Gateway Community Services (877) 389-9966

LJD Jewish Family & Community Services (904) 448-1933

River Region Human Services (904) 899-6300

Wekiva Springs Center (904) 296-3533

#### **Children's Mental Health Providers:**

Child Guidance Center (904) 448-4700

Daniel (Residential) (904) 296-1055

#### **Homeless Mental Health Services:**

Sulzbacher Center (904) 359-0457

Mental Health Resource Center—Quest/Link Program (904) 358-2411

#### **Substance Abuse:**

Alcoholics Anonymous Info Center (904) 399-8535

Narcotics Anonymous First Coast Area Help Line (904) 723-5683

### CREDIT COUNSELING / IDENTITY THEFT

Equifax Credit Bureau Fraud Department 1-800-525-6285

Experian Information Solution 1-888-397-3742

Federal Trade Commission 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)

Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline 1-800-269-0271

Family Foundations of Northeast Florida,

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (904) 396-4846

### **CRISIS LINES**

Domestic Violence Center: Hubbard House	(904) 354-3114
Florida Child and Elderly Abuse Hotline	1-800-962-2873
24-Hour Rape Crisis Hotline	(904) 721-RAPE (7273)

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Victim Compensation	1-800-226-6667
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### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

United Way	2-1-1
Salvation Army	(904) 301-4875

### **SHELTERS**

City Rescue Mission, 234 W. State St.	(904) 387-4357
	OR (904) 421-5161
Hubbard House	(904) 354-3114
Outreach Center	OR (904) 400-6300
Salvation Army, 900 W. Adams St	(904) 356-8641
Sulzbacher Center for The Homeless, 611 E. Adams St	(904) 359-0457

### **VICTIM SERVICES—GENERAL**

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Victim Advocates	(904) 630-1764
CIL Jacksonville (voice/TTY)	(904) 399-8484
City of Jacksonville Victim Services	(904) 255-3388
Seniors vs. Crime	1-800-203-3099
State Attorney's Office Victim Services	(904) 255-2500

### **VICTIM SUPPORT GROUPS**

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Local Office	(904) 388-2455
M.A.D. D.A.D.S Jacksonville	(904) 718-1649

### **ADDITIONAL NUMBERS THAT MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE:**

AIDS Hotline	1-800-352-2437
First Coast Crime Stoppers	1-866-845-TIPS (8477)
Department of Juvenile Justice	(904) 391-3877
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence	1-888-956-7273
Medical Examiner's Office	(904) 255-4000
National Human Trafficking Resource Center	1-888-373-7888
	TTY: 711
Public Defender's Office	(904) 255-4673
State Attorney's Office	(904) 255-2500
Toll-Free VINE Line:	1-877-VINE-4-FL / 1-877-846-3435
	TTY: 1-866-847-1298

### **LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid	(904) 356-8371
Florida Bar	(850) 561-5600
State Attorney's Office Legal Information	(904) 255-2500

### **MEDICAL FACILITIES**

UF Health Jacksonville	(904) 244-0411
	TTD: (904) 244-4536
Wolfson Children's Hospital & Baptist	(904) 202-2000

*The clean-up of a crime scene can be a very traumatic event that is sometimes burdensome to an already victimized family. Companies are available that provide these services to a family. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is not affiliated with and cannot recommend a particular company. The Florida Department of Health maintains a list of companies that are permitted to be biomedical waste generators. The list can be found at: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/biomedical-waste/bmw-transporter-list.html> Families may also check the Internet or phone book for crime scene clean-up or trauma clean-up for a listing of local service providers.*



## JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### *Victim Request for Public Records Exemption*

**Case or CCR #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to F.S. section 119.071(2)(j)1, I verify that I am the victim of one or more of the following offenses: sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery or domestic violence.

I understand that any information not otherwise confidential or exempt from F.S. section 119.07(1) which reveals my home or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets will be exempt from disclosure for a period of five (5) years after the execution and receipt of the request by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in response to my (the victim's) request.

I understand that a federal or state government agency that is authorized to inspect any of the referenced information may be granted the ability to review the documents/information when authorized by applicable law.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, request that the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office not release any information set forth in F.S. section 119.071(2)(j)1.

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**Name (Please Print)**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**Please mail to:**

**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office**

**Attn: Central Records**

**501 E. Bay Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202**