

VICTIMS OF CRIMES IN NH HAVE RIGHTS WHICH ARE PROTECTED BY THE LAW

RSA 173-B:10(d) – New Hampshire Crime Victims' Bill of Rights Includes:

- ☞ THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS.
- ☞ THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE PROCESS AND TO BE NOTIFIED OF ALL COURT PROCEEDINGS.
- ☞ THE RIGHT TO ATTEND THE TRIAL AND ALL OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS THE ACCUSED HAS THE RIGHT TO ATTEND.
- ☞ THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT AVAILABLE RESOURCES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS SERVICES

STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 1-866-644-3574

STATEWIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE: 1-800-277-5570

www.reachoutnh.org ~ www.nhcadsv.org

NEW HAMPSHIRE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE ~ 224-8893

The Coalition is comprised of 14 programs that provide services of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. The services are FREE, confidential and include a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter and transportation, court advocacy in obtaining protective orders against abusers, hospital and court accompaniment for sexual assault survivors, support groups and information and help in obtaining public assistance.

NUMBERS TO CALL FOR HELP

A Safe Place (DV): 1-800-854-3552 (Free, confidential support and assistance)

SASS (Sexual Assault Support Services) (SA): 1-800-747-7070 (Free, confidential support and assistance)

UNH/SHARPP (Durham): 862-SAFE (7233) or 1-888-271-7233 (Free, confidential support and assistance)

Victim/Witness Assistance Program (Strafford County): 749-4215 (Free, confidential support and assistance)

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING LINE: 1-800-894-5533

ELDER AND INCAPACITATED ADULT REPORTING LINE: 1-800-949-0470

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCLUDING THREATS OF VIOLENCE

According to NH law RSA 173-B:10(d), "If you feel that law enforcement protection is needed for your physical safety, you have the right to request that the officer assist in providing for your safety, including asking for an emergency telephonic order for protection. You may also request that the officer assist you in obtaining from your premises toiletries, medication, clothing, business equipment, and any other items as determined by the court, and in locating and taking you to a local safe place including but not limited to, a designated meeting place to be used as a crisis center, a family member or friend's residence, or a similar place of safety. If you are in need of medical treatment you have the right to request that the officer assist you in obtaining an ambulance. You may request a copy of the report filed by the peace officer, at no cost, from the law enforcement department.

- ☞ You have the right to go to District, Family or Superior Court to obtain a protective order against the person who abused or threatened you.
- ☞ The police officer has the responsibility to decide whether or not to make an arrest; an officer can arrest with or without your consent if the office believes that a crime has been committed.

CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

If you are a victim of a violent crime, or the family or dependent of a deceased victim, you may be eligible for compensation for hospital/medical expenses, lost wages, funeral expenses and/or mental health therapy expenses not otherwise covered by insurance. Property crimes are not covered. For more information call: 1-800-300-4500 (NH only) or 603-271-1284 (Out of NH)

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Police Officer: _____ of _____ Department

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND STRAFFORD COUNTY FJC INFORMATION GIVEN TO: (complete and attach to case file)

Name: _____ DOB: _____

BY

Officer/Detective/Sergeant/Lieutenant: _____

of _____ Police Department ON THIS DATE: _____