

VICTIM'S BILL OF RIGHTS

If you are the victim of a serious crime, as described in Nebraska Statute §29-119, you have certain rights with respect to the investigation of the crime and the prosecution of the suspect. Those rights are itemized in Nebraska Statute §81-1848.

If you need assistance accessing or understanding your rights please contact the Nebraska State Patrol Trooper assigned to your case or the nearest State Patrol Office. Your local Victim Assistance Program is also available for support.

Contact Information is included on the back of this brochure.

THE INVESTIGATION

As an internationally accredited law enforcement agency, the Nebraska State Patrol is committed to providing the best and most modern law enforcement technology available. The Patrol maintains a complete and comprehensive Crime Laboratory that includes fingerprint identification, ballistics, handwriting analysis, as well as extensive analytical capabilities.

The Nebraska State Patrol relies on a number of factors available in any report to assign a follow-up investigator. Experience has proven that certain information must normally be determined at the time of the initial investigation before a case has the potential for being solved. Without suspects, witnesses, evidence or other investigative leads, a case cannot be solved except under special circumstances. For example, a suspect caught

committing another crime is found with evidence linking them to this crime. They may also confess to other crimes including this crime.

Even if it is determined that a continuing investigation would not be productive at this time, the case still becomes part of our permanent records. It is reviewed for crime analysis information and if additional information becomes available later, an investigator will be assigned to the case.

If you have any questions or additional information, please contact the law enforcement officer handling your case or the County Attorney of the county in which the crime occurred. It might be helpful to obtain the incident number assigned to your case from the law enforcement officer handling your case.

IF PROPERTY WAS STOLEN

If your property was stolen, we hope that we will be able to recover it as part of our investigation. If we do recover property, we will notify you and make every effort to see that it is returned to you as quickly as possible. In those situations where recovered property is needed as evidence in the case; your property will be safeguarded and maintained in good condition until the conclusion of the case. In some cases, property can be photographed and released prior to the final disposition. To determine if that is possible, or obtain further information concerning the release of property, contact the law enforcement officer investigating your case or the County Attorney.

IF AN ARREST IS MADE

If a suspect is arrested, you will be advised of this fact as soon as possible. Since most criminal defendants are released on bond pending trial, you should not be surprised if this happens in your case. You are also entitled to know the bail amount posted by the defendant and the charges filed by the County Attorney's Office as well as court dates and the final disposition of the case.

IF YOU ARE THREATENED OR HARASSED

Anyone who threatens or harasses you is obstructing justice and committing a crime. If anyone threatens you, or you feel that you are being harassed because of your cooperation in this investigation, immediately contact the law enforcement officer handling your case, or your local police department or sheriff's office. A judge may be able to revoke the defendant's bail and/or new charges may ensue. If you are threatened or harassed, we will discuss protective measures that are available for you.

COMPENSATION

You may be compensated for physical injury losses suffered as a result of a crime. Check with your insurance company first, as it may provide coverage for personal injury or property loss due to a crime.

There are statutory requirements that determine your eligibility for financial assistance. These requirements include:

- notification of law enforcement within 72 hours of the crime
- cooperation with criminal justice officials in the investigation of the crime and the prosecution of the offender
- the claim must be filed within two years of the date of the crime

A person has to prove an economic loss that exceeds 10% of his/her net financial resources. The fund does not cover expenses paid by a private or group insurance plan, public funds, the offender or other resources. The Reparations Program is the payer of last resort. It does not pay for loss of property.

For application forms and more information, talk with the Victim Assistance Program in the county where your case occurred. You can also contact the Nebraska Crime Commission regarding the Crime Victim's Reparation Program:

Crime Victim Reparations Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
402-471-2828

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

ADAMS COUNTY

Adams County Attorney's Office
PO Box 71
Hastings, NE 68902
402-461-7242

BUFFALO COUNTY

Kearney Police Department
2025 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68848
308-236-6641

BUTLER/POLK COUNTIES

David City Police Department
475 North 3rd Street
David City, NE 68632
402-367-3793

COLFAX/PLATTE COUNTY

412 East 11th Street
Schuyler, NE 68661
402-352-8529

DAKOTA COUNTY

City County Law Enforcement Center
701 West 29th Street
South Sioux City, NE 68776
402-494-7550

DAWSON COUNTY

Dawson County Attorney's Office
700 N Washington Room F
Lexington, NE 68850
308-324-5702

DODGE COUNTY

Dodge County Victim Services
435 N Park Avenue, #302
Fremont, NE 68025
402-727-2795

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Douglas County Attorney's Office
1905 Harney Street, Ste. 500
Omaha, NE 68102
402-444-4597

GAGE COUNTY

Beatrice Police Department
201 N 5th Street
Beatrice, NE 68310
402-223-4080

HALL COUNTY

Law Enforcement Center
111 Public Safety Drive
Grand Island, NE 68801
308-385-5409

LANCASTER COUNTY

Lincoln Police Department
575 S 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7181

LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln County Attorney's Office
301 N Jeffers, Ste 101A
North Platte, NE 69101
308-534-4350 ext. 320

MADISON COUNTY

Madison County Attorney's Office
PO Box 269
Madison, NE 68748
402-454-3311 ext. 217

PLATTE/COLFAX COUNTY

Platte County Attorney's Office
2610 14th Street
Columbus, NE 68601
402-563-4971

POLK/BUTLER COUNTIES

David City Police Department
475 North 3rd Street
David City, NE 68632
402-367-3793

SARPY COUNTY

Hall of Justice
1210 Golden Gate Drive, Ste. 1420
Papillion, NE 68046
402-593-2201

SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY

Scottsbluff County Attorney's Office
1725 10th Street
Gering, NE 69341
308-436-6674 menu option 1

SEWARD COUNTY

Seward County Victim Services
529 Seward Street, Ste. 103
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3056

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DISTRICT OF NE

1620 Dodge Street, Ste 1400
Omaha, NE 68102
402-661-3700

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4411 S 121st Court
Omaha, NE 68137
402-493-8688

**If you need additional Victim information,
please contact the nearest State Patrol Office.**

HEADQUARTERS TROOP

4130 NW 37th Street
Lincoln, NE 68524
402-471-4680

TROOP A

4411 S 108th Street
Omaha, NE 68137
402-331-3333

TROOP B

1401 Eisenhower Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701
402-370-3456

TROOP C

3431 W Old Potash Hwy
Grand Island, NE 68803
308-385-6000

TROOP D

300 W South River Road
North Platte, NE 69101
308-535-8047

TROOP E

4500 Avenue I
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
308-632-1211

**VICTIM
WITNESS
ASSISTANCE
GUIDE**

The Nebraska State Patrol is concerned about the problems you may experience as a victim or witness of crime.

It is the policy of the Nebraska State Patrol to recognize and support victim assistance programs as essential elements to effective law enforcement. The criminal justice system is dependent upon the aid of the community to hold criminals accountable for their actions. In return, citizens deserve to be treated with equality, compassion and dignity.

The days and months ahead may be particularly stressful for you as a victim or witness. Even though this may be a difficult time for you and your family, we need your continued support in our efforts in apprehending criminals and bringing them to justice.

Investigating Trooper

Trooper's Telephone Number

Agency Case Number



NSP 411 (12/14)