

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

ADAMS COUNTY
Attorney's Office Victim Services
500W. 4th St., Ste. 143 Hastings,
NE 68901
402-461-7240

BUFFALO COUNTY
Crime Victim Assistance
2025 Ave. A
Kearney, NE 68848
308-233-5263

BUTLER COUNTY
Victim Assistance
451 N. 5th St.
David City, NE 68632
402-367-7405

COLFAX COUNTY
Victim Advocacy
412 E. 11th St.
Schuyler, NE 68661
402-352-8529

DAKOTA COUNTY
Victim Assistance Program
701 W. 29th St.
South Sioux City, NE 68776
402-494-7550

DAWSON COUNTY
Victim/Witness Unit
700 N. Washington St.
Lexington, NE 68850
308-324-5702

DODGE COUNTY
Victim Services
435 N. Park Ave.
Fremont, NE 68025
402-727-2795

DOUGLAS COUNTY
Victim Assistance Program 1717
Harney St., Ste. 600 Omaha, NE
68183
402-444-4597

GAGE COUNTY
Victim Assistance Program
201 N. 5th St.
Beatrice, NE 68310
402-223-4080

HALL COUNTY
Victim Assistance Program
111 Public Safety Dr.
Grand Island, NE 68801
308-534-4350

KEITH COUNTY
Victim Witness Unit
121 W. 3rd St.
Ogallala, NE 69153
308-284-2091

LANCASTER COUNTY
Victim Assistance Unit
575 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7181

LINCOLN COUNTY
Attorney's Office Victim/Witness Unit
301 N. Jeffers St.
North Platte, NE 69101
308-534-4350

MADISON COUNTY
Victim Assistance Unit
1313 N. Main St., PO Box 269
Madison, NE 68748
402-454-3311x5

PLATTE COUNTY
Victim Assistance Unit
2610 14th St.
Columbus, NE 68601
402-563-4971

SARPY COUNTY
Victim/Witness Unit
1210 Golden Gate Dr.
Papillion, NE 68046
402-593-2201

SAUNDERS COUNTY
Domestic Violence Assistance
387 N. Chestnut St., Ste. 1
Wahoo, NE 68066
402-443-8163

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY
Victim/Witness Assistance Unit
1725 10th St.
Gering, NE 69341
308-436-6674

SEWARD COUNTY
Victim Services
529 Seward St., Ste. 101
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3056

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION**
4411 S 121st Court
Omaha, NE 68137
402-493-8688

**U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT OF NE**
1620 Dodge Street, Ste 1400
Omaha, NE 68102
402-661-3700

NSP TROOP AREAS

HEADQUARTERS TROOP
4600 Innovation Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68521
402-471-4545

TROOP A
4411 S. 108th St.
Omaha, NE 68137
402-331-3333

TROOP B
1401 Eisenhower Ave.
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 Rd.
North Platte, NE 69101
308-535-8047

TROOP E
4500 Ave. I
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
308-632-1211

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



VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE GUIDE

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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