



WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF THE ACCUSED IS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY?

Once the accused is arrested, he or she may be released on bail (money or property deposited with the court to secure the defendant's appearance in court) or his or her own recognizance (a promise to return on the next court date).

In domestic violence cases ONLY, the accused may be held in custody for up to 48 hours without bond until he or she can be taken before a judge where bond will be set.

You may call the Craven County Jail at (252) 636-6619 to find out whether the defendant in your case has been released from custody.

I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY CASE AND ABOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WHO CAN I CALL WITH MY QUESTIONS?

Craven County Clerk of Courts Office
302 Broad Street, New Bern, NC 28560
(252) 639-3000

Craven County District Attorney's Office
310 Broad Street, New Bern, NC 28560
(252) 639-3010

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **COASTAL WOMEN'S SHELTER**
(Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault)
(252) 638-4509
- **PORT HUMAN SERVICES**
(252) 672-8742
- **MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE**
(252) 639-3015
- **POLICE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
911

NC SAVAN - North Carolina Statewide Automated Victim Assistance & Notification
Call (800)-NC SAVAN or (877) 627-2826 to learn about an offender's status, to register for offender notification or learn about victim resources.

SURVIVING AS A CRIME VICTIM

INFORMATION FOR CRIME VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES



New Bern Police Department

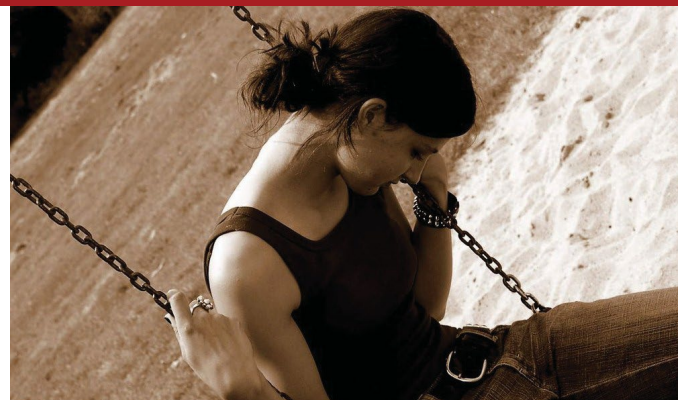
Victim/Witness Assistance Program
601 George Street
New Bern NC 28560

(252) 633-2020

OFFICER: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

CASE NUMBER: _____



NOW THAT I'M A VICTIM OF CRIME, WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

As of July 1, 1999, you have the following rights under the North Carolina Constitution

- The right to be informed of how the Criminal Justice system works, the availability of services for crime victims, and the status of your case.
- The right to be present at all court proceedings.
- The right to be heard at sentencing.
- The right to restitution.

WHERE DO I GO IF I NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION?

You are encouraged to contact your family physician or go to the nearest hospital's Emergency Department. Carolina East Medical Center located on Neuse Boulevard is the nearest hospital. If you are a victim of sexual assault, you may be asked to go to the hospital for an important forensic exam in addition to any necessary medical treatment.

HOW DO I COPE WITH THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF THE CRIME

- Having supportive family and friends is helpful.
- Talking with a counselor, a therapist, or a pastor can also be helpful. Seeking professional counseling does not mean "something is wrong with you". It means you have experienced a life altering event and you are taking steps to deal with it.
- Support groups for victims of rape, domestic violence and families of homicide victims are available.
- If you are being threatened, harassed, or intimidated, dial 911.
- If you need case status information or need to report additional information, contact the NBPD Information Services Unit at (252) 672-4100.



IS THERE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO CRIME VICTIMS?

The State of North Carolina has a Victim's Compensation Program to help eligible victims with medical and counseling expenses, lost wages and funeral expenses (in homicide cases). Compensation is not available for loss of property, pain or suffering, or expenses paid by your insurance. To file a claim, contact the Victim/Witness Legal Assistant at the Craven County District Attorney's Office at (252) 639-3010.

The New Bern Police Department will attempt to notify you by telephone or letter with the arrest information to include date of arrest and bond amount. It will be your responsibility to notify us of any change of address or telephone number if you wish to be notified. If you have not been notified of an arrest in your case after six (6) months, please contact the New Bern Police Department at (252) 672-4100.

DO I HAVE TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY?

No. The District Attorney's Office will prosecute the case on your behalf. Someone from their office will make contact with you within three (3) weeks of the arrest. You may reach the DA's Office by calling (252) 639-3010.

WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF COURT DATES?

You may receive a subpoena to appear in court. The DA's Office will attempt to notify you of court dates. You can also call the Clerk of Court's Office at (252) 639-3000 to find out when to appear in court.