

**YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM
UNDER NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL STATUTES (NCGS)
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- To receive immediate medical assistance and not be detained for an unreasonable length of time for that assistance.
- Be provided with information regarding victim intimidation and be given protection from such.
- Be informed that it is not necessary to testify in court as to one's home address.
- Have stolen or other personal property returned as soon as possible when it is no longer needed for evidence.
- Be provided employer intercession services to seek the employer's cooperation with the system.
- Be provided, whenever possible, a secured waiting area during criminal proceedings that does not place the victim in close proximity to defendants.
- Be informed of procedures for receiving victim's compensation.
- Be informed of the right to be present throughout the entire trial of the defendant.
- Be given the opportunity to be present during the final disposition of the case or be informed of the final disposition, if requested.
- Be notified, whenever possible, that a court proceeding to which he/she has been subpoenaed will not occur.
- Have a victim statement prepared for consideration by the court.
- Prior to trial, be informed of plea bargaining procedures.
- Be informed that civil remedies may be available.
- Be notified before a proceeding is held at which the release of the offender is considered, if the crime is a Class G or more.
- Be notified if the offender escapes from custody or is released from custody for crimes of Class G or more.
- Have family members of a homicide victim offered all the guarantees of other victims.

VICTIM COMPENSATION

The Rape Victim Assistance Program

The Rape Victim Assistance Program provides up to \$500.00 for medical and counseling expenses. To be eligible, you must have reported the assault to law enforcement within 72 hours of the attack, unless there was a good cause for delay.

Restitution

There are two programs under which crime victims may be compensated for injuries or loss of property. (1) Victims may request restitution through the court system in those cases where an arrest is made. Victims must contact the District Attorneys office prior to the court date so that a victim impact statement may be completed. (2) Victims of crime of DWI accidents who suffer an economic loss in excess of \$100.00 may be compensated through the Crime Victims Compensation Commission. The victim must report the crime to police within 72 hours of the occurrence and then submit a notarized form to the Commission.

NC Crime Victim's Compensation Fund

Established August 1987 – Provides compensation to victims who have suffered financial losses due to criminally injurious conduct. Compensation may not exceed \$30,000. (800) 826-6200 or (919) 733-7974

Smithfield Police Department

110 S. Fifth St.

Smithfield, NC 27577

(919) 934-2121

EMERGENCY- Call 911

www.smithfieldpd.org

SMITHFIELD POLICE



**VICTIM
ASSISTANCE
RESOURCES**

The Smithfield Police Department is dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of all who live, work and visit the town of Smithfield. Through professional policing and community partnerships, we strive to provide the best police services possible. We have created this brochure to assist crime victims in accessing a wide variety of services in their time of need. If our department can assist you or your family in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Michael L. Scott

Town of Smithfield Chief of Police

SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

LOCAL SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

Harbor, Inc.

For Victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
919-938-3566 24 Hour Crisis Line 919-631-5478

Johnston County Dept. of Social Services
Child/Adult Services 919-989-5300

Johnston Health (Hospital) 919-934-8171

Johnston County Health Dept. 919-989-5200

Johnston County Mental Health 919-989-5500

Johnston Community Action 919-934-2145

NORTH CAROLINA SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

NC Victim Assistance Network 919-831-2857
www.nc-van.org

NC Victim's Compensation 919-733-7974
www.nccrimecontrol.org

NC Victim Services for Prison, Probation & Parole
www.doc.state.nc.us/victimservices 866-719-0108

Legal Aid Services 866-219-5362
www.legalaidnc.org

Address Confidentiality Program 919-716-6785

NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
nccadv.org 919-956-9124

NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault
nccasa.org 919-871-1015

OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SERVICES

Johnston County Clerk of Court 919-209-5400

Johnston County District Attorney 919-209-5520

Johnston County Jail 919-989-5040

Johnston County Magistrate 919-209-5463

Johnston County Sheriff's Office 919-989-5010

AN ACCUSED'S OPPORTUNITY FOR PRE-TRIAL RELEASE

Upon arrest, a defendant must be brought before a magistrate who will determine the conditions of the defendant's pretrial release. The magistrate could require a written promise to appear, an unsecured or secured appearance bond, or custody release. In first degree murder cases and in domestic violence cases a judge must determine the pretrial release conditions. In domestic violence cases, if a judge is not available for 48 hours after the arrest, then a magistrate will decide on the pretrial release conditions.



877-627-2826 www.ncsavan.org

Free, confidential notifications about an offender's custody status to victims, their families, and their circles of support. County jail inmates, state prisoners, probationers, parolees, and registered sex offenders are all included in this service.

Look for the "VINEmobile" App on your smartphone

IF YOU NEED PROTECTION

If you are threatened or intimidated by the offender, his family or friends, contact the detective or police officer assigned to the case.

If it is an emergency, call 911.

IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CASE

Contact the detective or police officer assigned to the case.

Case Number _____

Officer _____

Name of Defendant _____

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