

AS A VICTIM OF A CRIME, YOUR RIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Criminal Case

Court Proceedings

The right to be present at all public court proceedings.

Victim Statement

The right to be heard and make a statement to the judge in person or in writing at any court proceeding involving sentencing or release.

Notifications

The right to be notified of an offender's

- bond hearing
- terms and conditions of release, escape, or death

Information

The right to receive information for the

- disposition (result) of the criminal case
- sentence of the offender

Confer with Prosecutor's Office

The right to talk with a representative of the Prosecutor's Office after the crime has been charged, before trial, and before disposition.

Plea Agreements

A victim of a Felony has the right to know the contents of a plea agreement between the State of Indiana and the defendant, and to make a statement about the plea to the Judge in writing, in person or both.

Release of Property

The right to ask the police agency holding your recovered property as evidence to request the Prosecutor's authorization to return it to you before trial. Contact a Victim Advocate with questions.

Restitution

The right to ask the Judge at sentencing for an order requiring the defendant to pay for your expenses related to this crime.

Court Accompaniment

The right to have a Victim Advocate accompany you to court proceedings related to this case.

Special Services

Protective Orders

You have the right to be free from acts or threats of violence by the defendant, his family, or his friends. Contact a Victim Advocate for information.

Violent Crime Compensation

If in a criminal case, you have been physically injured, or are the surviving family member of a victim who was killed, you may be eligible for financial aid for medical bills, funeral expenses, lost wages, or counseling expenses. **You have 180 days from the date of the crime to file your application.** This fund does not cover property damage or loss. Information on this fund is available through a Victim Advocate, or apply online at www.in.gov/cji/2333.htm

Community Services

You have the right to be referred to community services for legal, mental health, social, health, rehabilitative, and financial services.

Employer Assistance

You have the right not to be dismissed or deprived of employment benefits for responding to a subpoena in a criminal case. Assistance with your employer is available through the Victim Advocates.

Transportation

You have the right to specially arranged transportation if you are unable to get to the court proceedings where your presence is required.

Translator

If you do not understand English, you have the right to a translator or interpreter to advise you of these rights.

Trial Records as of July 1, 2018

Permits a victim, the spouse or an immediate family member of a deceased victim to obtain, free of charge, an electronic copy of the transcript of criminal proceedings in the victim's case. Requires a prosecuting attorney or victim assistance program to assist the victim, spouse, or immediate family member in obtaining the transcript.

Monitor Court Date:

<http://mycase.in.gov/>

LaPorte County Jail Inmates:

www.Laportecountysheriff.com

Jail Notification for Inmate release:

www.vinelink.com

IN Dept of Correction Inmates:

www.in.gov/apps/indcorrection/ofs

Violent Crime Compensation Fund:

www.in.gov/cji/2333.htm