

**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

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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.

R. Keith Powell

Town of Smithfield Chief of Police