A Message from the Chief

Dear Resident,

If you are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or a violent crime, you are entitled to certain rights and information regarding the criminal investigation, prosecution, and outcome of each step of the process. This pamphlet is meant to supply you with a number of referrals, resources and healthcare facilities which may be of use. But most importantly this pamphlet lists your rights as a victim of a crime and is your first record of contact with the Orange Police Department. If you are confused as to what your rights are, please feel free to contact the Orange Police Department's Crimes Against Persons Unit at (714) 744-7571.

Robert H. Gustafson.
Chief of Police

CALIFORNIA LAW AND VICTIM'S RIGHTS

California law provides crime victims with important rights. If you are the victim of crime, you may be entitled to the assistance of a victim advocate who can answer many of the questions you might have about the criminal justice system.

Victim Advocates can assist you with the following:

1. Explain what information you are entitled to receive while proceedings are pending.
2. Assisting you in applying for restitution to compensate you for crime-related losses.
3. Communicating with the prosecution.
4. Assisting you in receiving victim support services.
5. Helping you prepare a victim impact statement before an offender is sentenced.

To speak with a victim advocate, please contact your local Victim/Witness office at (714) 935-7074 or (714) 834-4350.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

Community Service Programs (CSP)

- Victim Witness Assistance:
  - (714) 957-2737 24 hr. hotline
  - (714) 935-7074 Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm
  - (714) 834-4350 Central Justice Center (CSP)

Resources for Domestic Violence Victims:

- Domestic Violence Assistance Program & Restraining Order Assistance
  - (800) 799-7233 24 hr. hotline
  - (714) 935-7955 Press 8 for a person

Resources for Sexual Assault Victims:

- Sexual Assault Victim Services
  - (714) 957-2737 or (949) 831-9110 24 hr. hotline
  - (714) 834-4317 (CSP)

Resources for Other Violent Crimes:

- Child Abuse & Elder Abuse
  - (714) 744-7444 Orange Police Department
  - (800) 207-4464 O.C. Child Abuse Hotline
  - (800) 451-5155 Elder Abuse Hotline

Other Resources (Temporary Shelters & Assistance):

- Women's Transitional Living Center
  - (714) 992-1931 24 hr. hotline
  - (714) 542-3577 (W.I.S.E. Place)
- Interval House
  - (714) 891-8121 or (562) 594-4555 24 hr. hotline
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter
  - (714) 542-9576

Information & Resource Directory:

- Orange Police Department, Crimes Against Persons Unit Secretary- (714) 744-7571
- Orange P.D. Crisis Intervention Unit- (714) 744-7305
- DIAL 211 or (888) 600-4357 (from payphone)

Internet Resources:

- Victim/Witness Services: www.cspinc.org
- Orange Police Department: www.cityoforange.org
- O.C. District Attorney's Office: www.orangecountyda.com
- State of California Victim Compensation Program: www.Boc.ca.gov
- Calif. Dept of Justice: www.caag.state.ca.us
- Crime Survivors: www.crimesurvivors.com

Orange Police Department

Resource Information for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, & Other Violent Crimes

EMERGENCY: 911

Orange Police Department
1107 N. Batavia Street
Orange, CA 92867
Phone: (714) 744-7444
Fax: (714) 744-7320

Reporting Officer:_____

Report #:_____

Date: _____ **Time:**_____

Local Victim Assistance Center:

(714) 935-7074

Victims of Domestic Violence

- As a victim of domestic violence, your name, address and personal identifying information can be kept confidential.
- If your perpetrator went to jail, he or she may be released at anytime.
- Victims of domestic violence may be eligible for temporary placement in a shelter. The phone number for your local shelter is listed on the back of this brochure.
- As a victim of domestic violence, you have the right to have an advocate and/or support person of your choice to be present with you during any further interviews as it relates to this crime.
- You may request the investigator assigned to your case to file a formal complaint with the District Attorney's Office. However, in the State of California, victims are not responsible for "pressing charges" and the decision will be made by the DA's Office.
- A physical assault committed by a person with whom you have an existing or previous dating or marital relationship is a crime.
- As a victim of domestic violence, you may request a temporary restraining order that:

  1. Restrains the perpetrator from hurting you, your children or involved family members.
  2. Directs the perpetrator to leave the home.
  3. Prevents the perpetrator from going to the home, school, business or place of employment of the victim(s).
  4. Awards custody of, or visitation with a minor child and protects the child(ren) from that person.
  5. Directs that either or both parties participate in counseling.

- As a victim of domestic violence, you have the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the crime.

Victims of Sexual Assault

- If you are the victim of a sexual assault, it is important to follow certain steps to ensure your safety and facilitate a thorough investigation.

If you have been victimized:

- In addition to notifying the police, you may call Sexual Assault Victim Services, the local rape crisis center, at (714) 957-2737 or (949) 831-9110.
- Do not change or wash your clothes, take a shower, bathe, wash your hands, douche, comb your hair, eat or drink anything. Do not touch, move, destroy, or discard anything where the crime occurred.
- If you can recall any details about your assault, write them down right away. Include details such as name of perpetrator, race, age, weight, height and what the person was wearing. If a car was involved, write down the make, model, color and any other information you can remember.
- Depending on the circumstances of what happened you may be asked to go to Anaheim Memorial Medical Center for a medical exam. A trained Forensic Nurse Specialist and Sexual Assault Advocate will be with you during and after the exam.
- As a victim of sexual assault, you have the right to have an advocate and/or support person of your choice with you during the interview and medical procedures.
- As a victim of a sexual assault, your name, address and other personal identifying information can be kept confidential.
- A sexual assault committed by someone you have an existing or previous dating or marital relationship is a crime.

General Information for all Victims

- If you have reported your crime to the police, an investigator will be assigned to your case and will contact you as soon as possible.
- VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday) is a system designed to automatically notify victims by phone when their perpetrator is released from a jail in Orange County. The service is free of charge. To register for this service please call (800)721- 8021.
- If you or someone in your family suffered an injury or death as a result of a crime, you may qualify for compensation by the State of California Compensation Program. Financial compensation may be paid for lost wages, medical bills, counseling expenses, and funeral/ burial assistance. To speak to an advocate about qualifying, please contact your local Victim/Witness office listed on the back of this brochure. You may also call the California Victims' Compensation Program at (800)777-9229.

Hospitals:

- UCI Medical Center (714) 456-6011
- St. Joseph Hospital (714) 633-9111
- Chapman Medical Center (714) 633-0011
- Western Medical Center (Santa Ana) (714) 953-3330
- Kaiser Hospital (Anaheim) (714) 279-4200
- Anaheim Memorial Medical Center (714) 999-6111

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