

» Crimes with Guaranteed Rights

The Constitution of the State of Colorado and the laws of this state guarantee rights to victims of the following crimes:

- Murder: 1st and 2nd degree
- Manslaughter
- Criminally negligent homicide and Vehicular homicide
- All Assaults: 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree, vehicular, on the elderly & handicapped
- Menacing
- Kidnapping: 1st and 2nd degree
- Sexual Assault
- Aggravated Robbery, robbery of a controlled substance, robbery of the elderly or disabled
- Violation of a Protection Order in a sexual assault case
- Incest and Aggravated Incest
- Harassment/Stalking
- Ethnic Intimidation
- Careless driving resulting in death
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death
- Any crime against an at-risk victim
- Any crime involving an act of domestic violence
- Witness or victim intimidation

» Victim and Witness Reactions

The initial shock following a crime, sudden death or other trauma is a hard and painful reality for everyone involved. Some normal reactions are:

- Shock and disbelief, numbness
- Having unwanted memories
- Anxiety or panicky feelings
- Feeling "lost" or "out of it"
- Irritability (near tears or angry)
- Blaming or doubting oneself, thoughts like "If only I had..."
- Nightmares, sleep disturbances
- Feeling responsible for what happened
- Loss of appetite
- Anger
- Crying for "no apparent reason"
- Re-living the trauma (flashbacks)
- Problems concentrating
- Depression and sadness
- Losing interest in activities previously enjoyed
- Disruption in family life
- Unexplained headaches, nausea, or physical pain

» Victim Compensation

If you are a victim of a violent crime, a dependent of a deceased victim or a person authorized to act on behalf of a victim you may be eligible to receive money to pay for expenses or damages.

To qualify, the crime must have been reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and must have occurred within Boulder County

A victim or authorized representative may be compensated for:

- Medical expenses and/or counseling
- Loss of hearing
- Burial expenses
- Homemaker and home health services
- Loss of support to dependents
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other prosthetic appliances.

» Restitution

This brochure explains many of the specific rights afforded to victims of these crimes. In addition, resources and contacts available to the victims are listed for convenience.

If all local efforts to obtain your rights have failed, you may request assistance from the Governor's Victim's Coordinating Committee. For additional information call the Office for Victim's Programs at the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice in Denver at (303)239-4442.

QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a victim, call the University of Colorado Police Department Victim Services at (303) 492-8855 or the District Attorney Victim Witness Director at (303) 441-3700. If all local efforts to obtain your rights have failed, you may request assistance from the Governor's Victims' Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee. For additional information, call the Office for Victims' Programs at the Division of Criminal Justice at (303) 239-4442.

CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS AND INFORMATION

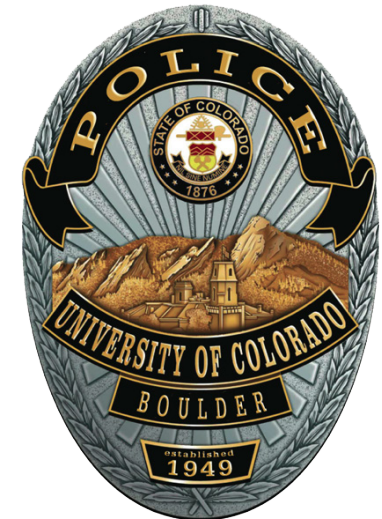
Case Number: _____

Crime: _____

Officer: _____

Detective: _____

Advocate: _____



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EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

» For Victims

The University of Colorado Police Department is sorry to hear that you may have been a victim of crime. This experience may have created stress, fear, and confusion for you and we would like to offer our help with any problems you may be experiencing as a result of this crime. If you are a victim of one of the crimes listed in the pamphlet, your rights are guaranteed by the Colorado Constitution. This brochure is designed to inform you of your right and to help you exercise those rights.

Please feel free to contact any member of the CU Police Department should you require any type of assistance. We will do our best to help you, or put you in contact with other appropriate resources.

» Rights of Victims

Victims and witnesses of listed crimes have the following right to:

- Be treated with fairness, respect and dignity and to be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse.
- Be informed about what steps can be taken for protection from intimidation and harm.
- Be kept informed about phases of the case, including the investigation and court proceedings.
- Be present and provide information and input (either personally or in writing) into the justice process, especially at key points such as plea bargaining, sentencing and parole release hearing.
- Restitution as a condition of sentencing and/or other civil court remedies.
- At the discretion of the District Attorney to view the probation pre-sentence report.
- The quick return of their property used for evidence when it is no longer needed for the case.
- Notification from officials about arrest and release of defendants, time, location, and continuance of court hearings, trials, sentencing or parole considerations.
- Be informed about eligibility of victim compensation where applicable, and assistance applying, if needed.
- Employer intercession, if necessary. Meaning a victim cannot be fired or disciplined for assisting in the prosecution of the case.
- Information about victim assistance and community resources.
- A quick and fair resolution of the case.
- To be informed of the result of any HIV testing that is ordered.
- To have a safe and secure waiting area during court proceedings.

» The Next Step Is...

After the initial report, a department supervisor will review your case to determine if there is enough evidence and/or leads to assign for further investigation. If your case is assigned to a detective they will be in contact with you. If it is determined a crime was committed and a suspect is arrested and charged, your case will be referred to the District Attorney and the District Attorney's office will review the case and decide if prosecution of the suspect will occur. Keep in mind that it will not be your responsibility to decide if it will be filed. The District Attorney's office will make the decision about whether or not the case will be prosecuted.

» For Your Protection

Intimidation, harassment, and stalking are all crimes. If you are being intimidated, harassed, or stalked, or you feel you are in danger at any time, please call 911. Also available are:

- Restraining orders through the Boulder County Courts at (303) 441-3775.
- Extra patrol.
- Crime Prevention Suggestions.

» Property Releases

If any of your property was taken by the police as evidence or recovered during an investigation, and it is not contraband, it can be returned to you as soon as it is no longer needed for evidentiary purposes. Before coming to pick up your property, we request that you call the evidence custodian to make an appointment for all property releases.

» Arrest Information and Reports

To get a copy of your case report call CU Police Records at (303) 492-5115.

» Defendant's Release from Jail

If an arrest was made and you would like to be informed of the suspect's release from jail or juvenile detention, we must ask you to call the Boulder County Jail and inform them that you wish to be notified of their release. You must make sure that the jail has your current address and phone number and is made aware of any changes. If the suspect is being held in another jail you should contact the appropriate agency with this request.

The Boulder County District Attorney's Office will inform you of future court dates and legal proceedings.

» Additional Resources

CU police dispatch (303)492-6666

Boulder Police Dispatch (303) 441-3333

Boulder Sheriff Dispatch (303) 441-4444

CU Victim Assistance (303)492-8855

CU Counseling Services (303)495-6766

Mental Health Crisis Line (303)447-1665

Boulder County Sheriff's Victim Advocates (303)441-3656

Safehouse Progressive Alliance (303)449-8623

MESA (Moving to End Sexual Assault) (303)443-7300

Boulder County Social Services (303)441-1000

Boulder County Hospice (303)449-7740

Alcohol Recovery Center (ARC) (303)441-1281

Emergency Family Assistance (303)442-3042

Boulder County Youth Services (303)441-4257

Boulder County Sheriff's Department (303)441-3600

Boulder County Jail-booking (303)441-4650

Boulder Juvenile Detention Center (303)441-3978

Boulder County District Attorney's Office (303)441-3700

Boulder County Coroner's Office (303)441-3535

Boulder Community Hospital (303)440-2037

TDD Numbers Available Upon Request