

Restitution

Restitution is financial compensation paid to a victim by the offender for crime-related financial losses. The prosecutor requests an order for restitution from the judge. Victims of crime, their families, and certain others may request and receive restitution.

Restitution may be requested for crime-related financial losses including:

- ◇ **Counseling**
- ◇ **Lost Wages**
- ◇ **Medical Bills**
- ◇ **Property Damage**
- ◇ **Stolen Property**
- ◇ **Vehicle Damage**

Restitution is collected and distributed to victims by the Probation Department, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), or the District Attorney's Office.

Mission Statement

The Sonoma County District Attorney's Office is dedicated to providing the members of our community with a safe place to live by holding the guilty accountable, protecting the innocent, and preserving the dignity of victims and their families. We shall seek the truth and justice in a professional manner while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

Important Information Regarding Your Case

Law Enforcement Agency: _____

Officer's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Detective's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Report Number: _____

Offender's Name: _____

Offender's Date of Birth: _____

DA Victim Services Division: (707) 565-8250

Advocate's Name: _____

Advocate's Direct Line: _____

DA Office Main Phone: (707) 565-2311

Superior Court Case Number: _____

DA Case Number: _____

Prosecutor's Name: _____

DA Investigator Phone: (707) 565-2011

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SONOMA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION

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Victim Advocacy

The Victim Services Division has specially trained and experienced Advocates to work with victims, witnesses, and their families throughout and beyond the criminal justice process.

This program is designed to reduce the trauma that victims and witnesses may experience following a crime. We seek to make the criminal justice system more understandable, accessible, and responsive to the concerns of victims and their families.

Victim Advocates work to ensure that crime victims and their family members are provided the services and information necessary to be an integral part of the criminal case process and to ensure victims are treated fairly and that their voices are heard.

Advocacy services may include:

- ✧ Court Escort and Support
- ✧ Orientation to Criminal Justice System
- ✧ Assistance with Victim Compensation Applications & Claims Process
- ✧ Referrals to Community Resources
- ✧ Victim Impact Statements
- ✧ Case Status Updates
- ✧ Property Return

To learn more about the criminal justice system, Marsy's Law (Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008), and other services for victims, please visit the District Attorney website at: www.da.sonoma-county.org

Victims and witnesses can get information about criminal cases by clicking on "Criminal Case Lookup System".

Victim Compensation Program

If you or your family has sustained physical or emotional injury as a direct result of a crime, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP), managed through our local Victim Compensation Unit.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP can compensate many types of crime related expenses when the costs are not covered by other sources.

Among the eligible crimes are:

- ✧ Domestic Violence
- ✧ Child Abuse
- ✧ Sexual and Physical Assault
- ✧ Homicide
- ✧ Robbery
- ✧ Drunk Driving
- ✧ Vehicular Manslaughter

The following losses may be covered by the Program:

- ✧ Medical and Dental Treatment
- ✧ Mental Health Services
- ✧ Income Loss
- ✧ Loss of Support for Dependents
- ✧ Home Security
- ✧ Residential Crime Scene Cleanup
- ✧ Funeral and Burial Expenses
- ✧ Job Retraining
- ✧ Relocation

Losses NOT covered under CalVCP include:

- ✧ Personal property losses, including cash
- ✧ Pain and suffering

In addition to being a victim of a qualifying crime, applicants must meet other criteria, including:

- ✧ Reporting the crime to law enforcement or Child Protective Services
- ✧ Cooperating with law enforcement and the CalVCP Guidelines
- ✧ Not having participated or been involved in the crime



For more information or to complete an application, please contact your Victim Advocate.

Additional information about CalVCP can be found at www.vcgcb.ca.gov