

# The Rights of Crime Victims



**Weld County Law Enforcement**

**Victim Services Unit**

**[www.weldsheriff.com](http://www.weldsheriff.com)**

**In Cases of Emergency Dial 911**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Case Report # \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant/Suspect \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy/Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Victim Advocate team contact:: 970-400-2878

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The Weld County Law Enforcement Victim Services Unit is sorry to learn that you have become a victim of crime. This experience may have created stress, fear, or confusion for you, and we would like to offer our help with any problems you may be experiencing as a result of this crime. This brochure is designed to inform and assist you with questions or concerns you may have.

According to the **Colorado State Constitution**, and the laws related to **CRS Title 24 Article 4.1 part III**, there are certain rights that are guaranteed to the victims of the following crimes:

- Murder/Manslaughter
- Criminally Negligent Homicide
- Vehicular Homicide
- Assault
- Vehicular Assault
- Careless Driving resulting in death of another person
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident which results in the death of another person
- Sexual Assault on an adult or a child
- Sexual Exploitation of a Child
- Unlawful Sexual Contact
- Incest
- Aggravated Incest
- Violation of a protection order issued under **CRS 18-1-1001** in a sexual assault case
- Indecent Exposure
- Child Abuse
- Kidnapping
- Robbery
- Menacing
- Stalking
- Crimes Against At-risk Adults or Juveniles
- Bias-motivated Crimes
- Crimes involving Domestic Violence
- Intimidating a victim or witness
- Retaliation against a victim of or witness to a crime
- Tampering with a victim of or witness to a crime
- Any criminal attempt, conspiracy, criminal solicitation or accessory involving any of the crimes specified above
- All other crimes as specified in **CRS 24-4.1-302**

**V**ictims of the crimes specified within the Victim Rights Act  
have the right to:

- ◇ Justice practices;
- ◇ To be treated with fairness, respect and dignity;
- ◇ To be informed of all “critical stages” of the criminal justice process (victims of crime must request notification, in writing, for post-sentencing critical stages);
- ◇ To be present at specified critical stages in the criminal justice process;
- ◇ To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse;
- ◇ To be informed about what steps can be taken including information about protection services, if there is any intimidation or harassment by a person accused or convicted of a crime or anyone acting on that person’s behalf;
- ◇ To be present and heard regarding bond reduction or modification, a subpoena for the victim’s records, acceptance of a plea agreement, sentencing or modification of a sentence; To be heard by phone or similar technology when a victim can’t appear in court;
- ◇ To be informed of the existence of the criminal protection order and upon request of the victim, the procedure for modifying the protection order if a procedure exists;
- ◇ To have the victim’s social security number redacted or excluded from criminal justice documents when records are released to someone other than the victim, a criminal justice agency, or the defendant’s attorney of record;
- ◇ To be informed of the process the district attorney can use to request protection of the victim’s address (the court may or may not grant the request);
- ◇ To consult with the district attorney prior to any disposition of the case or before the case goes to trial and to be informed of the final disposition of the case;
- ◇ To be informed of the status of the case and any scheduling changes or cancellations, if known in advance;
- ◇ To receive and prepare a victim impact statement and to be present and/or heard at the sentencing hearing;
- ◇ To have the court determine restitution and to be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime;
- ◇ To prevent any party at any court proceeding from compelling testimony regarding a victim’s address, telephone number, place of employment or other locating information;
- ◇ To receive a prompt return of property when it is no longer needed as evidence;

- ◊ To be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services;
- ◊ The right to be informed about the possibility of restorative justice
- ◊ To be provided with appropriate employer intercession services regarding court appearances and meetings with criminal justice officials;
- ◊ To be assured that in any criminal proceeding the court, the prosecutor, and other law enforcement officials will take appropriate action to achieve a swift and fair resolution of the proceedings;
- ◊ Whenever practicable, to have a safe, secure waiting area during court proceedings;
- ◊ To be notified of the referral of an offender to community corrections and to provide a written victim impact statement to the community corrections board and, if permitted by the board, to provide an oral victim impact statement. In addition, a victim has a right to provide a separate oral statement to the community corrections board if the board is considering a transitional referral from the department of corrections;
- ◊ Upon written request, to be informed when a person accused or convicted of a crime is released from custody other than the county jail, is paroled, escapes or absconds from probation or parole;
- ◊ The right to be informed of the filing of a petition to cease sex offender registration;
- ◊ Upon request, to be informed when a person who is accused or convicted of a crime is released, discharged, or permanently transferred from the custody of the county jail;
- ◊ Upon written request, to be informed of and heard regarding any reconsideration of sentence, parole or commutation of sentence hearing;
- ◊ Upon written request, to be informed when a person convicted of a crime against the victim is placed in or transferred to a less secure correctional facility, program, or placed on non-residential status, or is permanently or conditionally transferred or released from any state hospital;
- ◊ The right, at the discretion of the district attorney, to view all or a portion of the presentence report of the probation department;
- ◊ To be informed of the results of any court-ordered HIV testing;
- ◊ To be informed of any rights which the victim has pursuant to the Constitution of the United States or the State of Colorado; and
- ◊ To be informed of the process for enforcing compliance with the Victim Rights Act.

## **For any VRA case resulting in a warrant:**

**I**f and when a warrant is issued for the original charges in your case, you will be registered into a system called Arrest Watch. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation that you are registered. Be advised that you will not be registered until the arrest warrant is active; the notification of registration indicates the warrant in the case is active.

**T**he system will then notify you when the suspect is booked in to any Colorado jail that participates in the arrest watch program. You will also be notified if there is a change in custody status.

SYSTEM PIN: 2222

### **First appearance Bond Hearings:**

#### **Monday-Friday**

**(arrests from 6am Sunday-6am Friday)**

**2:30pm**

#### **Weld County Courthouse by Video**

For additional information, including courtroom location, and court dates for juvenile suspects, call the

District Attorney's Office  
Victim/witness Unit at 970-356-4010

#### **Saturday and Sunday**

**(arrests made from 6am Friday-6am Sunday)**

**8:00 AM**

#### **North Jail complex**

2110 O Street • Greeley, Co 80631

Emergency? Call 911

**A**fter conviction of a person for a crime, your state or local correctional authorities will notify the victim of:

- ◇ The institution where the person is incarcerated or otherwise being held
- ◇ The projected release date of the person
- ◇ Any release of the person, including furlough, work release, or community corrections in advance of the release
- ◇ Scheduled parole hearings for the person and any changes in hearing schedules
- ◇ Any escape of the person from a correctional facility or program
- ◇ Any release or discharge from confinement and the conditions of that release
- ◇ The death of the person while in a correctional facility or program

**C**olorado Vine, COVINE, helps crime victims obtain information about the custody status of jail inmates under supervision in the Colorado county jails that are online with the system. Victims can register with COVINE to receive free, confidential, automated custody status updates on offenders.

To register for inmate information through VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) you can go online at:

[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) or call 1-800-263-8463.

If all local efforts to obtain your rights have failed, you may request assistance from the Governor's Victim Coordinating Committee. For additional information, call the Office for

Victim's Programs at the Division of Criminal Justice:  
(303) 239-4442 Or toll free at 1-888-282-1080



**Emergency? Call 911**

**Weld County Advocates are available daily.**

**Call 970-400-2878 an advocate will call you during business hours.**

**Victim advocates may be able to help you with: \*safety planning  
\*community resources \*assistance applying for victim compensation \*  
emotional support.**

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## 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 for compensation for financial loss. To be eligible you must have reported the crime to a law enforcement agency within 72 hours or a good cause existed for delay. You must have cooperated with any investigation and you must apply within 1 year of the crime.

### **A victim may be compensated for:**

- Medical and hospital expenses
- Loss of earnings
- Counseling
- Funeral and Burial Expenses
- Repair of residential doors, windows or other security devices
- Loss of medically necessary devices such as, eyeglasses or hearing aids
- Outpatient care

This fund consists of money provided through fees levied against persons convicted of felonies, misdemeanors and certain traffic offenses. Please contact the Victim Compensation Fund Office to see if you qualify.

915 10th Street, PO Box 1167 Greeley, CO 80632  
Phone: 970-356-4010 Ext 4676  
Website: [www.weldda.com/da\\_VictimComp.html](http://www.weldda.com/da_VictimComp.html)

### **Sheriff's Office Locations**

#### **Main Office**

1950 'O' Street, Greeley Co 80631  
(970) 356-4015

### **To reach a Weld Victim Advocate:**

**Call 970-400-2878**

**And we will return your call during business hours**

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## Community Resources

### Medical

North Colorado Medical Center	970-352-4121
Mc Kee Medical Center	970-669-4640
Longmont United Hospital	303-651-5000
Platte Valley Medical Center	303-498-1600
Medical Center of the Rockies	970-624-2500
Good Samaritan Hospital	303-689-6933
The Children's Hospital	720-777-1234

### Crisis and Referral

A Woman's Place	970-356-4226
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Ctr	970-472-4200
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley	303-772-4422
North Range Behavioral Health	970-347-2120
Suicide Education & Support	970-313-1089
Weld Department of Human Services	970-352-1551
United Way Information	211

### Law Enforcement

Colorado State Patrol	970-506-4999
Dacono Police Department	303-833-5526
Erie Police Department	303-926-2800
Firestone Police Department	303-833-0811
Fort Lupton Police Department	303-857-4011
Frederick Police Department	720-382-5700
Hudson Police Department	303-536-9311
Lochbuie Police Department	303-659-1395
Platteville Police Department	970-785-2215
Mead Police Department	(970) 350-9600
Garden City Police Department	970-515-6299
Weld County Coroner's Office	970-392-4545
Weld County District Attorney	970-356-4010
District Attorney Victim Witness Unit	970-356-4010
Victim Compensation Extension	970-356-4010 Extension 4676
<b>Weld County Sheriff's Office</b>	970-356-4015
Jail and Administration	970-356-4015
Communication Center (Dispatch)	970-356-1212

## EMERGENCIES 911