

Weld County Victim Advocates are available 24/7-365
970-400-2878

Victim advocates may be able to help you with:

- ◇ Safety Planning
- ◇ Community Resources
- ◇ Assistance in Applying for Victim Compensation
- ◇ Emotional Support
- ◇ Civil Protection Orders
- ◇ Direction on What is Next
- ◇ Law Enforcement Updates

Weld County Victim Advocates are specially trained and experienced in helping Victims of various crimes get through the tough time you are experiencing. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions, comments, concerns, or even just need someone to speak to. If we can't provide an answer, we will assist in getting you to the appropriate person to help you further.

You are NOT Alone, We are here to help YOU!

Community Resources

Medical

North Colorado Medical Center - Greeley	970-352-4121
McKee Medical Center - Loveland	970-669-4640
UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital -Longmont	720-718-7000
Platte Valley Medical Center - Brighton	303-498-1600
Medical Center of the Rockies - Loveland	970-624-2500
Good Samaritan Hospital - Lafayette	303-689-6933
The Children's Hospital - Aurora	720-777-1234

Crisis and Referral

A Woman's Place - Greeley	970-356-4226
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center- SAVA	970-472-4200
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley - Longmont	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

Case Information

Weld County District Attorney	970-356-4010
Victim Compensation	970-356-4010 x 4790
Weld County Sheriff's Office & Jail	970-356-4015
Dispatch - Non Emergency	970-350-9600 x 1

The Rights of Crime Victims

Weld County Victim Services Unit

Proudly Serving the Weld County Sheriff's Office

<https://www.weldsheriff.com/Services/Victim-Services-Unit>

Email: victimservices@weldgov.com

General Office Phone Number: **970.400.2878**



Your Case Information:

Case Report #: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

Primary Officer: _____

Police Department Contact #: 970-356-4015

Defendant/Suspect: _____

Victim Advocate: _____

If you need to speak with the **On-Call Victim Advocate**
Please Call Dispatch at **970.350.9600 opt. 1**
& Provide the Dispatcher with your Case Information

In Cases of Emergency Dial 911

You can SCAN the following QR code
and tell us how we are doing



Victim Notifications

For Any VRA Case Resulting in a Warrant:

If 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.

The 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

Once the Offender is Booked on your VRA Case:

Get Connected. Stay Protected.
COLORADO VINE



Colorado 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.vineline.com or call 1-800-263-8463

Arrest Watch will automatically convert to **COVINE**. If a warrant was entered or you were not enrolled in **Arrest Watch**; Weld County Advocates, and the Weld County Jail will automatically enroll you in **COVINE** via Text Message when your offender is booked into jail. Please contact your advocate if you have any concerns about **COVINE** or would like to update your contact information.

If your contact information changes it is your responsibility to notify your advocate so they can update your registration

SYMPTOMS of Strangulation

VOICE CHANGES Raspy and/or hoarse voice, coughing, unable to speak, complete loss of voice.

SWALLOWING CHANGES Trouble swallowing, painful swallowing, neck pain, nausea/vomiting, drooling

BREATHING CHANGES Difficulty breathing, hyperventilation, unable to breathe.

BEHAVIORAL CHANGES Restlessness or combativeness, problems concentrating, amnesia, agitation, Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome, hallucinations.

VISION CHANGES Complete loss or black & white vision, seeing 'stars', blurry, darkness, fuzzy around the eyes.

HEARING CHANGES Complete loss of hearing, gurgling, ringing, buzzing, popping, pressure, tunnel-like hearing.

OTHER CHANGES Memory loss, unconsciousness, dizziness, headaches, involuntary urination or defecation, loss of strength, going limp.

SIGNS of Strangulation

HEAD Pinpoint red spots (petechiae) on scalp, hair pulled, bump(s), skull fracture, concussion.

FACE Red or flushed, petechiae, scratch marks.

EYES AND EYELIDS Petechiae to the left or right eyeball, bloodshot eyes.

EAR Petechiae (external and/or ear canal), bleeding from ear canal.

NOSE Bloody nose, broken nose, petechiae.

MOUTH Bruising, swollen tongue, swollen lips, cuts/abrasions.

UNDER THE CHIN Redness, scratch marks, bruise(s), abrasions.

NECK Redness, scratch marks, fingernail impressions, bruise(s), abrasions, swelling, ligature marks.

CHEST AND SHOULDERS Redness, scratch marks, bruise(s), abrasions.

What is a Medical Forensic Exam?

A trained nurse examiner will start with a history and description of the event.

They will then do a physical exam. Since signs and symptoms from strangulation may not present immediately, this exam may include testing such as MRI or x-rays to get a better look on what is going on under the surface.

Not only does a medical forensic exam ensure you are medically cleared after the incident but the nurse will also collect evidence (DNA swabs, clothing, etc.) which can help prosecute your case.

The trained nurse examiner will not perform any part of the exam if you are not comfortable with it!

No insurance? Medical assistance may be available.

19th Judicial District Victim Witness Unit

The professionals assigned to the **Victim Witness Assistance Unit** make every effort to assist crime **victims** in recovering for the physical, emotional and financial impact of a crime. The **Unit** is here to provide information about how the **court system** works and what is happening with your case.

Some services provided by the Victim Witness Unit are listed below:

- ◆ Crime Victim Compensation Program
- ◆ Restitution and Victim Impact Statement assistance
- ◆ Information on the status of your case
- ◆ Court accompaniment
- ◆ On-Call System. This allows you to stay by a phone rather than wait long periods at the courthouse to testify in jury trials
- ◆ Call-Off System. We attempt to call you as soon as we know an event in your case has been continued or called off
- ◆ Witness Fee Information
- ◆ Employer Intervention
- ◆ Referral to other services which may be of help to you,
- ◆ Transportation and lodging, as necessary, when subpoenaed to testify
- ◆ Interpretation and special needs

Please Contact the **Victim Witness Assistance Unit** for any questions pertaining to your Court Case at **970-356-4010**.

AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Victims may request a copy of the initial report at the Weld Criminal Justice Records, from the respective Police Agency. 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday

Release of records are at the discretion of law enforcement and/or the District Attorney.

Did you know?

1 in 4 women will experience Domestic Violence and 68% of them will experience near-fatal strangulation by their partner. For victims who have experienced strangulation odds for homicide increase 750%.

Strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence: unconsciousness may occur within seconds and death within minutes. When domestic violence perpetrators strangle their victims, not only is this a felony assault but it may also be an attempted homicide. Strangulation is an ultimate form of power and control over the victim's next breath; having devastating psychological effects (PTSD, depression, memory problems, nightmares, anxiety, psychosis, etc.) or a potentially fatal outcome (Death can occur then or days or weeks after the attack). Loss of consciousness can occur within 5-10 seconds & death within minutes.

For more information please visit:

www.allianceforhope.com

First appearance Bond Hearings:

If the booking of the offender occurs between 6:00 am Sunday - 6:00 am Friday

The Bond Hearing will be held:

The Next Day **Monday-Friday at 2:30pm**

at the **Weld County Courthouse-915 10th St. Greeley, CO. 80631**

If the booking of the offender occurs between 6:00 am Friday - 6:00 am Sunday

The Bond Hearing will be held:

The Next Day **Saturday or Sunday at 8:00am**

at the **Weld County North Jail Complex-2110 O St. Greeley, CO. 80631**

Juvenile Bond Hearings are M,W,F at 10:30AM DIVISION 14

If you have additional questions or concerns during the week including questions about courtroom location, being present at the bond hearing or input for the courts please call the **District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Unit** at 970-356-4010. **The District Attorney's Victim Witness Unit** is available Monday-Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm.

Weld County Bond Hearing Virtual Courtroom Information

To appear via WebEx, you can scan the following QR code with your phone's camera: **OR**



You can enter the following link into your web browser:

<https://judicial.webex.com/meet/d19-grly-bondhearing>

If you do not have a compatible device, you can call in from any mobile device: (720) 650-7664, enter access code: 2591 642 2956

After 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

Questions Regarding your Rights

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

For additional information, Contact:

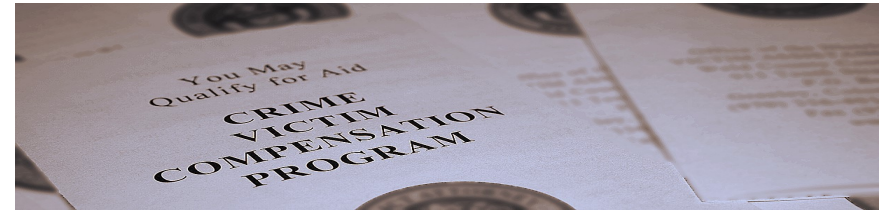
Victim's Programs at the Division of Criminal Justice:
(303) 239-4497 Or Toll Free at 1-888-282-1080

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. We would like to offer our assistance 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– 1st & 2nd Degree
- Manslaughter & Criminally Negligent Homicide
- Vehicular Homicide & Vehicular Assault
- Assault– 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree
- Menacing
- Kidnapping– 1st & 2nd Degree
- Sexual Assault & Unlawful Sexual Contact
- Sexual Assault– 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree
- Sexual Assault on a Child
 - *By One in a Position of Trust; On a Client by a Psychotherapist
- Invasion of Privacy for Sexual Gratification
- Robbery, Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Robbery of a Controlled Substance
- Incest & Aggravated Incest
- Child Abuse
- Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Crimes Against At-Risk Adults or Juveniles
- Crimes with an Underlying Factual Basis of Domestic Violence
- Stalking
- Bias-Motivated Crimes (Including Bias-Motivated Harassment)
- Careless Driving that Results in the Death of Another Person
- Failure to Stop at the Scene of an Accident that Results in the Death or Serious Bodily Injury of Another Person
- Retaliation Against a Witness, Victim, Judge, Elected Official, Juror, or Prosecutor
- Intimidation and Aggravated Intimidation of a Witness or Victim
- Tampering with a Witness or Victim
- Indecent Exposure
- Violation of a Criminal Protection Order Issued Against a Person Charges with a Sexual Assault or Stalking
- Burglary– 1st & 2nd Degree
- Any Attempt, Conspiracy, Solicitation, or Accessory of the Above Listed Crimes
- Child Prostitution
- Posting of a Private Image for Harassment or Pecuniary Gain
- First Degree Arson

Crime Victim Compensation



The Crime Victim Compensation Fund was established to help crime victims and uses only fines and penalties collected from convicted defendants (no tax moneys) to help with crime-related personal and financial hardships. Losses from the crime may be compensated even if the suspect is never identified or if a case is not prosecuted.

The Program is housed within the District Attorney's Office, but we are a separate and confidential program. Please send any documentation for your claim directly to us ([ATTN: Crime Victim Compensation](#)) and not the District Attorney's Office.

Who Qualifies?

Primary and Secondary victims of crime who meet the program's eligibility requirements:

NOTE: As Crime Victim Compensation is a limited fund, certain needs cannot be addressed through this program. This includes automobile expenses, replacement of personal property, and reimbursement for stolen money and monies for "pain and suffering".

What is Eligible?

1. Medical Expenses
2. Short term assistance with lost wages or lost support
3. Mental health expenses
4. Funeral and burial expenses
5. Residential break-in damage (i.e. replacement windows, doors, locks, etc.)
6. Residential safety improvements (i.e. re-keying locks, installing deadbolts, re-keying car doors, etc.)
7. Other eligible costs related to immediate safety needs

Who Decides and When Will I Know?

All awards are made by the Crime Victim Compensation Board, a group of local volunteers who meet once per month to review claims and make award decisions. Once all necessary information, including an application, insurance statements, bills, receipts, etc. are received, the Board will usually make a decision about funds within 30 – 45 days. Once the decision to award or deny assistance is made, a written notice will be sent to the claimant.

Phone: [\(970\) 400-4790](tel:9704004790)

Email: weldvictimcompensation@weldgov.com

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- The change of venue or transfer of probation supervision from one jurisdiction to another
- The request for release from probation supervision prior to expiration of defendant's sentence
- Any parole application hearing
- The parole, release, or discharge from imprisonment of a person convicted of a crime
- Any parole revocation hearing or full board parole hearing
- The transfer to or placement of a person convicted of a crime in a non-secured facility
- The transfer, release, or escape of a person charged with or convicted of a crime from any state hospital
- Any petition by a sex offender to terminate sex offender registration
- The execution date of an offender in a capital case
- Conducting post-conviction DNA testing to establish innocence
- The decision to enter into a diversion agreement
- Any hearing concerning a petition for expungement

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For a victim who had a Forensic Medical Evidence Collected Pursuant to Section 12-240-139 (1)(b) that has not resulted in a conviction or plea of guilty, the Right to be Notified by the Law Enforcement Agency with jurisdiction for the case, upon request, of the status and location of the victim's forensic medical evidence including:

- The Right to be Notified that the forensic medical evidence has been submitted to an accredited crime lab for testing as required by the rules promulgated pursuant to section 24-33.5-113
- The Right to be Notified when the Law Enforcement Agency has received the results of the Medical Forensic Evidence DNA Analysis from the Accredited Crime Laboratory
- The Right to be Informed of whether a DNA Sample was Obtained from the analysis and whether or not there are matches to DNA Profiles in State or Federal Databases
- The Right to be Informed at least Sixty Days Prior to the destruction of forensic medical evidence collected in connection with the alleged sex offense
- The Right to File, prior to the expiration of the sixty day period, an objection with the Law Enforcement Agency, The Colorado Bureau of Investigation, or the accredited Crime Laboratory that is proposing to destroy the Forensic Medical Evidence
- The Right to be Informed of any change in status of the case, including if the case has been closed or re-opened; and
- The Right to receive a physical document identifying the rights under law after the exam has been completed.

As a Victim of a VRA Crime, you are Guaranteed the Following Rights per Colorado Statute 24-4.1-302(1):

- ◇ To be treated with fairness, respect and dignity
- ◇ To be informed of and present for, all "critical stages" of the criminal justice process, except that victims have the right to be informed of, without being present for, specified critical stages (e.g.: the filing of charges, a prisoner transfer, etc.)
- ◇ To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse and to be told what steps to take if such events occur, and also to be informed about available protection services.
- ◇ To be Present and heard in court regarding: Bond Reduction or Modification, Acceptance of a Nolo Contendere Plea or a Negotiated Plea, Sentencing, Any Modification of a Sentence, Any Requested Modification to the "No Contact" Provision of Criminal Protection Orders, Any Subpoena for a Victim's Privileged records, or a Petition for Expungement.
- ◇ To request to participate in a court proceeding via alternative means (e.g. video conference, telephone, etc.) within the court's resources, after the victim or victim's designee has notified the DA's Office that they are physically unavailable to attend the proceeding.
- ◇ To have agencies in the system make reasonable efforts to redact a victim's or witness' social security number before releasing a report to the public.
- ◇ To be notified of how to request protection of their address pursuant to the Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- ◇ To be informed of the existence of any mandatory protection orders and, upon request of the victim, to be given information regarding the process for modifying a protection order.
- ◇ To talk with the prosecutor before the case is resolved and to be informed of resolution
- ◇ To be informed of the status of the case and any scheduling changes or cancellations if known in advance
- ◇ To prepare a victim impact statement and to be present and heard orally and/or in writing at sentencing
- ◇ To have the court determine restitution and be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgement against the person convicted of the crime
- ◇ To a prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence
- ◇ To be informed of the availability of financial assistance
- ◇ To be given appropriate employer intercession services regarding court appearances and meetings with criminal justice officials

- ◇ To have a safe, secure waiting area during court proceedings, where practicable
- ◇ Upon written request, to be informed when a person accused or convicted of the crime is released from custody (other than county jail), is paroled, escapes, or absconds from probation or parole
- ◇ Upon request (can be verbal), to be informed when a person who is accused or convicted of a crime against a victim is released or permanently transferred from a county jail
- ◇ Upon written request, to be informed of and heard at any reconsideration of sentence, parole hearing or commutation of sentence
- ◇ To be informed of the process for enforcing compliance with victims' rights
- ◇ To view, at the discretion of the District Attorney, all or a portion of the pre-sentence report from the probation department
- ◇ To be informed of the results of any HIV testing that is ordered and performed
- ◇ To prevent any party at any court proceeding from compelling testimony regarding a victim's current address, telephone number, place of employment or other locating information
- ◇ Any victim of a pre-1993 crime may request to be notified of any future critical stages
- ◇ To receive a free copy of the initial incident report (at the law enforcement agency's discretion)
- ◇ To be notified of a hearing concerning the sealing of records
- ◇ To be notified of how to receive notifications from local jails and post-sentencing entities
- ◇ To be informed by any agent of the defense team (DIVO) who is initiating victim outreach of that person's legal name and the fact that the person is acting as an agent for the person accused of the crime or for the defense team of such person
- ◇ To be informed of any request for progression from the state mental health hospital on behalf of a person in custody as a result of a criminal case involving a victim
- ◇ To be heard at any hearing regarding request for progression
- ◇ To be informed of the results of a probation revocation hearing
- ◇ To be informed of the decision by the governor to commute or pardon a person convicted of a crime against the victim before the information is publicly disclosed

- ◇ To be heard by phone or similar technology by the community corrections board when the victim can't appear in person
- ◇ To be notified of a referral to community corrections
- ◇ To be informed about the possibility of restorative justice practices
- ◇ To receive a swift and fair resolution of the proceedings

Critical Stages of the Criminal Justice System 24-4.1-302(2):

- The filing of charges, or decision not to file charges, against a person accused of a crime
- The preliminary hearing
- Any court action where: bond is set lower than the customary or scheduled amount, change in type of bond or modifications to bond conditions, defendant's appearance with no posted bond, capital cases where court grants admission to bail, or in jurisdictions without customary or scheduled amounts anytime bond is set lower than the initial bond
- The arraignment of a person accused of a crime
- Any hearing on motions concerning evidentiary matters or pre- or post-plea relief • Subpoena for a victim's medical, mental health, education, or victim's compensation records
- Any disposition of the complaint or charges against the person accused
- The trial
- Any sentencing hearing or re-sentencing hearing
- Any appellate review or appellate decision
- Any subsequent modification of the sentence: specifically 35(a) and 35(b) hearings
- Any probation revocation hearing
- Any court ordered modification of the terms and conditions of probation
- Re-sentencing following a probation revocation hearing and request for early termination
- Any attack on a judgment or conviction
- Any hearing regarding a reopened case due to lost or destroyed evidence
- The filing of any complaint, summons, or warrant by the probation department for failure to report to probation or because the location of a person convicted of a crime is unknown.