

# Crime Victims "Bill of Rights"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Re: State of Georgia Versus: \_\_\_\_\_

**To Whom it May Concern:**

The legislatures of this State by statute have provided you as a victim with some basic rights regarding the criminal process and final outcome of this case. Please review the following statutory rights that you have.

It is important that you review your rights and indicate whether you desire to exercise these rights. If you have any questions please contact your victims advocate, Wendy A. Knight or Misty R. Smith, either by phone or at the above address. Please indicate what you desire to do by initialing next to the appropriate statement below. After initialing please sign, date, and mail to the above address.

As a Crime Victim you have the following rights:

1. Notice of all court proceedings, including changes in schedule dates.
2. Information and explanations about the criminal process and your participation.
3. Orientation to the courtroom setting and procedures before court or hearings.
4. The personal presence, in court, of your victim advocate during all proceedings.
5. Updates on case status during the prosecution and post-conviction phases.
6. Assistance and referral to social service agencies, counselors, and support professionals.
7. Employer Intervention to explain the need for your participation in the process.
8. Property recovery of stolen items that are being held as evidence in the case.
9. Assistance if you are intimidated, harassed or afraid, by defendants or defense witnesses.
10. Assistance in filing Victim Compensation or completing Victim Impact documents.

		Yes	No
1.	I affirmatively choose to exercise my rights as a crime victim. -----	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
2.	I desire to be at all court proceedings. -----	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
3.	I am owed restitution in this case. -----	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
4.	I am seeking the following amount in restitution. -----		
5.	I desire:    Jail <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> Probation <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> Jail / Probation <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>		

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**Signature**

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**Date**