

A Message from the Kanabec County Attorney

Dear Fellow Citizens:

It is the mission of the Kanabec County Attorney's Office to serve our community and make it a safer and better place to live and work. We are committed to working for justice, public safety and the protection of the rights of the people and businesses of Kanabec County.

As a victim of a crime in Kanabec County, you have rights, which are outlined in this brochure. More importantly, you have a voice, and your input matters to us. In fact, in many cases, your participation in the process helps us to achieve justice on your behalf.

If you have any questions about your rights or the criminal justice system, please call our Victim/Witness Services Coordinator.



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RESOURCES

Kanabec County Sheriff
320-679-8400

Kanabec County Jail
320-679-8402

Kanabec County Family Services
320-679-6350

Kanabec County Veteran Services
320-679-6380

Kanabec County Probation
320-679-6450

Department of Corrections/Mora Office
320-209-6300

VINE (Victim Information & Notification
Everyday) check offender's custody status
877-664-8463

Additional Local Victim Services Agencies:

WINDOW
320-364-1133
The Refuge
800-338-7233

- crisis line
 - support for victims of domestic violence
 - support for victims of sexual assault and other crimes
 - assistance with orders for protection or restraining orders
 - safety planning
 - court advocacy
 - support groups, safe homes, information & referrals
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Victim/Witness Services Program

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The Victim/Witness Services Program serves all victims of crime being prosecuted by the Kanabec County Attorney's Office.

If you are the victim of a crime, you can expect to receive information and referrals to address concerns specific to your situation. Program staff will assist you in the recovery of any financial loss by requesting restitution from the defendant.

Referrals are also made to appropriate agencies for counseling, emergency or financial assistance. If you are having problems such as harassment or threats, you can expect help in that regard.

In addition, you will be prepared for what to expect from the court system. Minnesota laws provide all victims of crime with specific rights. You will be offered assistance in taking advantage of your rights.

Program staff will keep you informed of progress made at important phases of the court process from the time a person is charged until the final outcome is known. You are welcome to call anytime. We will be happy to answer your questions.

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Your Rights

Throughout the legal process, you have rights as a victim of crime.

You have the right to be notified of:

- your rights as a crime victim;
- contents of any plea agreements;
- changes in court proceedings if you are called to testify;
- final disposition of the case; and
- information about whether the offender is in custody and where.

You have the right to participate in prosecution, including the right to:

- inform the court of the impact of the crime at the dispositional hearing;
- request a speedy trial;
- bring a friend, family member, or other supportive person to the pre-trial hearing;
- object to the proposed disposition; and
- attend the dispositional hearing.

You have the right to protection from harm.

- Tampering with the witness is a crime in Minnesota.
 - Victims/witnesses do not have to give their addresses in open court.
 - Victims/witnesses have the right to a safe and secure waiting area during the court process if such a place is available.
 - Employers may not discipline or terminate employees who are called to testify as victims or witness.
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You have the right to apply for financial assistance.

- Victims may be eligible for financial assistance from the state if they have suffered economic loss as a result of a violent crime.

Crime Victims Reparations Board
651-201-7300
Outside metro 1-888-622-8799

- Victims can request the court to order the defendant to pay restitution.

As a victim or witness of crime, if you believe your rights have been violated call:

Minnesota Crime Victim Justice Unit
651-205-4823
800-247-0390

DPS.justice.programs@state.mn.us
www.ojp.state.mn.us

Non-Discrimination

The Kanabec County Attorney's Office and its Victim/Witness Services Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status in regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, mental disability, physical disability, sexual orientation or age.

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