SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIMES IN ITASCA COUNTY

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Itasca County Attorney's Victim Assistance Program 327-2804

Advocates for Family Peace 326-0388

Support Within Reach Sexual Violence Resource Center 326-5008

Statewide Referral Services 1-800-247-0390

Minnesota Relay 1-800-627-3529

RIGHTS AND SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF ALL CRIMES

• You have the right to apply for financial help for losses resulting from a violent crime. This assistance does not cover property losses. For application and information, call 651-201-7300.

- You have the right to request that the law enforcement agency withhold public access to data revealing your identity. The law enforcement agency will decide if that is possible.
- You have the right, if an offender is charged, to be informed of and participate in the
 prosecution process, including the right to request restitution (money court ordered from the
 offender and paid to the victim).
- If you feel that your rights as a victim have been violated, call the Crime Victim Justice Unit of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety at 651-201-7300.

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT

- You have the right to give a formal statement to law enforcement about acts of domestic abuse committed against you.
- You have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an Order for Protection from domestic abuse. The order should include the following:
 - An order restraining the abuser from further acts of domestic abuse;
 - An order directing the abuser to leave your household; and from entering your home, school, business or place of employment;
 - An order awarding you or the other parent custody or visitation with your minor child or children; or harassment restraining order. NOTE: Law enforcement cannot enforce civil orders i.e. child custody

• An order directing the abuser to complete a domestic abuse program and or chemical dependency program.

You have the right to notification if prosecution of the case is declined or criminal charges are dismissed.

Contact Advocates for Family Peace for emergency shelter, safe housing, personal advocacy and support groups