

Case and Officer's Information:	*Suspect's Information:
Case Number: _____	Name of Accused: _____
Officer's Name: _____	Taken into custody: ____ Yes Facility: _____
Department: _____	Will be released on citation: ____ Yes ____ No
_____, Vermont _____	Date of Arraignment: _____
802-_____-_____	Information is being withheld due to: _____
State's Attorney Office - County: _____	
_____, Vermont _____	
802-_____-_____	*Complete ONLY if an adult offender or "Listed" crime – 33 VSA 5204(a)

YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM OF CRIME IN VERMONT

As a victim of crime, or a victim's family member, you may feel confused, helpless, angry, or even fearful. There are free services and supports to help you. Many people who work in this system care and are committed to helping you. **As a victim of crime, you have rights!** The services below are available to you at no cost.

The Right to Choice

- You can choose how you participate if your case moves forward.
- You do not have to answer any questions from anyone outside of a courtroom or a sworn deposition. A deposition is a formal process where you give recorded, sworn testimony.

The Right to Advocacy

If the accused is charged, you will be assigned a Victim Advocate from the State's Attorney's office. Your advocate can provide support and information and can help you:

- Understand your rights;
- Complete paperwork;
- Request financial support for eligible crime-related losses;
- Communicate with law enforcement and attorneys; and
- Notify you of court proceedings.

Your advocate is there for you! Contact them with any questions or concerns you have.

The Right to Safety

If you have concerns about your safety, call a law enforcement agency first. Then call your Victim Advocate. **They can help you!**

The Right to Be Heard

You have the right to a voice in the court process if you choose. This could include sharing your thoughts with your Victim Advocate, writing a Victim Impact Statement, and addressing the court at sentencing.

The Right to Financial Assistance

The Victim Compensation Program provides limited financial assistance to victims of crime. The financial loss must be a direct result of the crime and not covered by other sources. You may receive witness fees and mileage costs if you are called as a witness or ordered to attend a court hearing. For more information about this program, contact the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services at 800-750-1253.

The court can order reimbursement for financial losses as part of the defendant's sentence. This is called restitution. It is very important to save your receipts. Your Advocate can help you with your claim, or you can call the Restitution Unit at (802) 241-4688.

The Right to Information and Notification

If the accused is at a Correctional Facility, you have the right to find out where they are held and if they are released. This information can be found on DOC Vermont Offender Locator website [Vermont DOC](#). To register for automated notifications for release, call toll free 866-976-8267 or register online at www.vinelink.com. You also have additional rights to information and notification. Your Advocate is there to help you.

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE HAVE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS.

Your local Vermont Network program supports victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. This support may include: confidential 24/7 hotline support and chat line, help with the legal system, financial, medical and personal medical advocacy, help finding emergency shelter, and assistance filing a protection order. You are not required to report a crime. Contact your local network program at the number listed below.

Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-228-7395

Sexual Violence 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-489-7273



Hotlines are confidential with a few exceptions.

To learn more about these exceptions talk to the hotline or an advocate about your concerns first.

My local network program is: _____

Find more information about your nearest Network program at <https://www.vtnetwork.org/>

This form can also be viewed at www.ccvv.vermont.gov and is available in other languages upon request. For more information, contact the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services at this website or at 1-800-750-1213.