

South Dakota Crime Victim's Rights – Marsy's Card

A victim shall have the following rights, beginning at the time of victimization:

- 1 The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity;
- 2 The right to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse;
- 3 The right to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused;
- 4 The right to have the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail or making release decisions;
- 5 The right, upon request, to prevent the disclosure to the public or anyone acting on behalf of the defendant in a criminal case, of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information about the victim, and to be notified of any request for such information of records. This does not limit law enforcement from sharing information with the public for purposes of enlisting the public's help in solving crime;
- 6 The right, upon request, to privacy, which includes the right to refuse an interview, deposition or other discovery request, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interaction to which the victim consents;
- 7 The right, upon request, to reasonable, accurate and timely notice of, and to be present at, all proceedings involving the criminal or delinquent conduct, including release, plea, sentencing, adjudication and disposition, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated;
- 8 The right, upon request, to be promptly notified of any release or escape of the accused;
- 9 The right to be heard in any proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, adjudication, disposition or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated;
- 10 The right, upon request, to confer with the attorney for the government;
- 11 The right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on the victim and the victim's family to the individual responsible for conducting any pre-sentence or disposition investigation or compiling any pre-sentence investigation report or plan of disposition, and to have any such information considered in any sentencing or disposition recommendations;
- 12 The right, upon request, to receive a copy of any pre-sentence report or plan of disposition, and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for those portions made confidential by law;
- 13 The right, upon request, to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case;
- 14 The right to full and timely restitution in every case and from each offender for all losses suffered by the victim as a result of the criminal conduct and as provided by law for all losses suffered as a result of delinquent conduct;
- 15 The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings;
- 16 The right, upon request, to be informed of the conviction, adjudication, sentence, disposition, place and time of incarceration, detention or other disposition of the offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape by the offender from custody;
- 17 The right, upon request, to be informed in a timely manner of all post-judgment processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. Any parole authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the offender;
- 18 The right, upon request, to be informed in a timely manner of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the Governor, the court, any clemency board and other authority in these procedures, and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made, and to be notified of such decision in advance of any release of the offender; and
- 19 The right to be informed of these rights, and to be informed that a victim can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to the victim's rights. This information shall be made available to the general public and provided to each crime victim in what is referred to as a Marsy's Card.

A victim is defined as a person against whom a crime or delinquent act is committed. In the case of a victim who is killed or incapacitated as a result of the crime or delinquent act, or who is a minor, the term also includes any spouse, parent, child, sibling, or as designated by the court, grandparent, grandchild, or guardian. A victim is not the accused or a person whom the court finds would not act in the best interests of a deceased, incompetent, minor or incapacitated victim.

The victim, the retained attorney of the victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the attorney for the government, upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of these rights and any other right afforded to a victim by law in any trial or appellate court, or before any other authority with jurisdiction over the case, as a matter of right. The court or other authority shall act promptly on such a request.

Bond may be set for certain offenses without a proceeding. In those cases, notice to the crime victim may not be provided before release.

Crime victims may obtain additional information regarding these rights by logging on to <http://atg.sd.gov/victim/marsyslaw.aspx> .

Victims of certain crimes may seek enforcement of these rights by logging on to <http://savin.sd.gov>, or by contacting the Pennington County State's Attorney's Office.

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