Pennington County Sheriff’s Office  
Victim Specialist Response Flow Chart

**Offense/Incident**  
Crime reported by  
(Citizen, Law Enforcement, Victim, etc.)

**On Scene Response**  
(Law Enforcement)  
(Scene Safety, Victim/Offender identified,  
Case Report initiated, possible arrest, investigation  
required, Victim Specialist requested per Investigations)

**Investigation Process**  
(Cases requiring further investigation. Offender arrest 
may or may not have occurred. Victim Specialist as-  
signed to case per Investigations.)

**Arrest of Offender**  
The accused is charged with a crime  
and taken into custody.

**Prosecution Case Initiated through**  
State’s Attorneys Office  
The accused offender becomes the defendant in a criminal  
ca se and is informed of charges against them, their constitutional rights and are appointed an attorney if they cannot  
afford one.

**Court Process**  
Preliminary Hearing, Grand Jury, Indictment,  
Plea Hearing, Motions, Continuations, Trial,  
Sentencing, Appeal

**Corrections (Offender)**  
Parole, Hearings, Facility Relocation, Release

**Victim Specialist On Scene Response**  
_Addresses immediate needs of Victim(s) and /or family—medical-response to hospital when necessary, food, clothing, shelter, crisis intervention, safety, transportation, forensic interview accompaniment, etc._

**Victim Specialist Ongoing Response**  
(Support of Victim addressing ongoing needs: safety planning, shelter, transportation, protection orders filed, counseling referrals, case updates, criminal justice advocacy, local agency referrals, crime victims compensation, support throughout court process, notification of offenders status, etc.)

**Victim Specialist Continuation of Services**  
(Support of Victim as required or requested to include: follow ups, notification of offender status /location, crime victim compensation assistance, counseling referral, victim statements, court accompaniment, etc.)

**Victim care and advocacy in a continuation of services is provided in conjunction with the State’s Attorneys Office if Victim so chooses**