

The mission of the Dunwoody Police Department is to work in partnership with the residents of Dunwoody to provide a safe and secure environment through the delivery of fair and impartial police services, proactive problem solving, and increased community partnerships.

The people of our communities and members of the police Department must be united in their commitment to addressing crime, violence, and quality-of-life issues by engaging one another and all city departments in problem-solving partnerships.

DeKalb County District Attorney Victim Witness
<http://www.dekalbda.org/>
404.371.2561 phone 404.371.2981 fax



Georgia Commission on Family Violence
<http://www.gcfv.org/>
244 Washington Street, SW Suite 300 Atlanta, GA
404.657.3412 (main line) 404.656.3987 (fax)



Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
<http://gcadv.org/>
24 Hour Statewide Hotline
1.800.33.HAVEN /
1.800.334.2836



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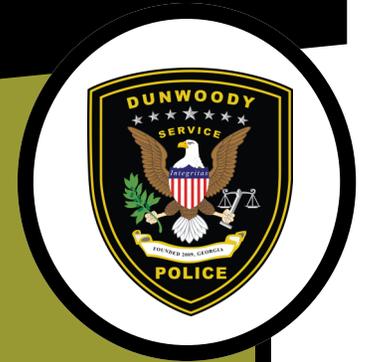
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**Victim—Witness
Assistance Program**



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The Victim-Witness Assistance Program

The Program

In order to assist crime victims, the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office has established a Victim - Witness Assistance Program. The Victim - Witness Assistance Program is staffed by Victim Advocates that are your guide through, and your voice within, the Criminal Justice System. As part of the Victim - Witness Assistance Program, we can make the process easier for you in many ways by providing:

- 1) Referrals to social service agencies in the community that you might need;
- 2) Orientation for your court appearances;
- 3) Escort and support during the process;
- 4) Case status and disposition information; and
- 5) Property return and information about possible restitution.

Crime Victims Bill Of Rights

During the 1995 session of the General Assembly, Governor Zell Miller called for the introduction and passage of the "Crime Victim's Bill of Rights", which mandated the criminal justice system to provide fundamental services of notification of case status to victims. The information on the next few pages contains a summary of those rights. The victimization must be the result of at least one of the following types / categories of offenses: Homicide, Assault/Battery, Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, & related offenses, Reckless Conduct, Cruelty to Children, Feticide, Stalking, Sexual Offenses, Burglary, Arson, Theft, Armed Robbery, Sexual Exploitation of a Child, Homicide by Vehicle, Feticide by Vehicle, Serious Injury by Vehicle.

The Victim

The victim must provide to law enforcement, prosecuting attorney, and custodial authority, a current phone number and address in order to receive any notifications, including: certain scheduled court proceedings; whether the accused has filed a motion for new trial; whether the accused has filed an appeal; whether the accused has been released from custody, pending the disposition of the above described motion or appeal; the details of any appellate court proceedings relating to this motion or appeal and any changes in the proceedings. When directed by the prosecuting attorney, the victim is required to provide the Georgia Department of Corrections, Sheriff, and/or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles with a current address and telephone number.

The Judicial System

In general, after victimization, and upon initial contact with a victim, all law enforcement and court personnel must advise him or her: That it is possible that the accused may be released from custody prior to trial; that he or she has certain rights; that additional information about the Criminal Justice System may be obtained by contacting the District Attorney's Office; of the State's Crime Victim Compensation Fund for which a victim may be eligible; and the arresting agency must inform the investigating agency of an offender's arrest.

During the prosecution phase of the case, the prosecuting attorney has many requirements to keep a victim informed. These include the following: explain the steps in processing a criminal case; inform the victim

of his or her rights; suggest certain procedures a victim may utilize if subjected to threats or intimidation; provide telephone numbers of contact persons at both the prosecutors office & custodial authority; under certain conditions the court may order that the victim's current address, telephone number, or employment information not be released; the prosecuting attorney must offer the victim the opportunity to express his or her opinion regarding the sentence of an offender's case if it is a product of a plea or it involves the offender's participation in a pretrial or post-trial diversion program, and the prosecuting attorney must direct the victim regarding which custodial authority he or she must provide a current telephone number and address.

Georgia Crime Victim's Compensation

The Crime Victim Compensation Fund reimburses victims for some expenses. The crime must be reported within 72 hours and application must be filed with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council within 2 years. To find out if you are eligible, contact your Advocate or the CJCC directly at 404.657.1956.

Directory

DeKalb County District Attorney's Office

556 North McDonough Street, Suite 700
Decatur, Georgia 30030
Main number: 404.371.2561
Victim - Witness Assistance Program: 404.371.6227
Record Room: 404.371.2575

Magistrate Court - Warrants

4400 Memorial Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30032
404.294.2150

Magistrate Court - Court

556 North McDonough Street, Suite 1240
Decatur, Georgia 30030
404.371.4766

DeKalb County Sheriff's Office

4415 Memorial Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30032
Criminal Warrant: 404.298.8200
Jail: 404.298.8500

Probation Dept

Misdemeanor 404.371.2822
Felony 404.370.5113

Georgia Corrections and Parole Board Office of Victim Services

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive S.E. Sixth Floor, East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
404.651.6668

Crime Victims Compensation Program - Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

104 Marietta Street, Suite 440
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
404.657.1956

Department of Family & Children Services

404.370.5000

DeKalb County Rape Crisis Center

24 - Hour Hotline: 404.688.1428

Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence, Inc.

24 - Hour Hotline: 404.688.9436

Georgia Center for Child Advocacy

678.904.2880

Victim Information and Notification Everyday - VINE

VINE is a free and anonymous telephone service that provides victims of crime two important features: 1) information and 2) notification. VINE will monitor the custody status of offenders in DeKalb County Jail. Information is available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. VINE is an automated system but it is supported by 24-hour operator assistance if you need additional help or speak a language other than English.

DeKalb County 1.800.398.2916

Gwinnett County 1.800.467.4941

Cherokee County 1.800.501.0367

Clark County 1.800.467.4975

Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline:

1.800.338.6745



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