

NOTIFICATION OF VICTIM'S RIGHTS

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
JUDICIAL BRANCH
OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES
www.jud.ct.gov/crimevictim

**Instructions**

1. *Sign and date this form* (do not sign this form if the Victim's Signature is NOT Required box is checked).
2. *Return the white copy to the victim services advocate.*
3. *Keep the yellow copy for your records.*

Case Information

Name of defendant(s)

Docket Number(s)

Next court date(s)

As a crime victim, you have certain rights under the constitution of Connecticut, article first, Section 8b.

You have the right to:

1. Be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process;
2. Have the case completed in a timely manner following arrest of the accused, provided no rights of the accused are violated;
3. Be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process;
4. Be told of court dates;
5. Attend the trial and all other court proceedings (*arraignment, pretrial and sentencing*) unless you are testifying, in which case, the court may decide that you can't attend the trial until after you are done testifying;
6. Communicate with the prosecutor about the case;
7. Have the chance to agree or disagree with any plea agreement between the accused and the prosecutor and to make a statement to the court before the court decides if it will accept the agreement;
8. Make a statement to the court at sentencing;
9. Request restitution for expenses or property lost or damaged because of the crime; and
10. Get information about the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of the accused.

Nothing in this victims' rights amendment or in any law can be used as a reason for overturning a conviction or for an appeal in any criminal case.

OFFICE USE ONLY

The Victim's signature is NOT required because the information is confidential. (Under Section 54-86e of the Connecticut General Statutes, identifying information is confidential for child victims under the age of 16, if the accused is charged with injury or risk of injury or impairing the morals and for victims of sexual assault, voyeurism or family violence.)

This Notification of Victim's Rights form was given: In-person Mailed

Signed (Victim Services Advocate)

Print name of person signing at left

Date signed

Comments/notes

I received this Notification of Victim's Rights form:

Print or type name of person signing this form (unless the Victim's signature is NOT required box is checked)

Signature of victim or victim's legal representative (Do not sign if confidential)

Date signed

Distribution: Original - Court File Copy - Victim