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Criminal Justice System Numbers

Clayton County District Attorney	(770) 477-3450
Victim Witness Assistance	(770) 603-4110
Clayton County Solicitor's Office	(770) 477-3380
Victim Services	(770) 473-5805
Clayton County Magistrate Court	(770) 477-3444
Clayton County Jail	(678) 479-5390
Clayton County Juvenile Court	(770) 477-3270

Medical and Mental Health Resources

Southern Regional Medical Center	(770) 991-8000
Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Center	(770) 477-2177
United Way Crisis Line	211
Dept. of Family and Children's Services	(770) 603-4600
Suicide Hotline	988
Georgia Crisis and Access Line	1 (800) 715-4225

Clayton State University Resources

Department of Public Safety	(678) 466-4050
University Health Services	(678) 466-4940
Counseling Services	(678) 466-5406
Disability Services	(678) 466-5445
Department of Student Affairs	(678) 466-5420
Office of Equity and Title IX	(678) 466-4237

In accordance with federal and state law, Clayton State University prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any of its education programs or activities or in employment.

For additional information on Title IX go to:

<https://www.clayton.edu/human-resources/current-employees/title-ix/what-is-title-ix> or contact the Title IX Coordinator at (678) 466-

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Crime Victim's Rights
Information

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Crime Victim’s Bill of Rights

The Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights, O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, et seq., provides individuals who are victims of certain crimes specific rights.

These rights include:

1. The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any scheduled court proceedings or any changes to such proceedings;
2. The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of the arrest, release, or escape of the accused;
3. The right not to be excluded from any scheduled court proceedings, except as provided by law;
4. The right to be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea, or sentencing of the accused;
4. The right to file a written objection in any parole proceedings involving the accused;
5. The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney in any criminal prosecution related to the victim;
6. The right to restitution as provided by law;
7. The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and
8. The right to be treated fairly and with dignity by all criminal justice agencies involved in the case.
9. The right to file a motion in the criminal case within 20 days of a court proceeding requesting to be heard if the victim has properly requested notification and is not given notice of said court proceeding.

The Crime Victims Bill of Rights specifically applies to victims of the following crimes:

Homicide, Assault and Battery, Kidnapping, False Imprisonment (and related offenses), Reckless Conduct, Feticide, Stalking, Aggravated Stalking, Cruelty to a person 65 or older, all sexual offenses, burglary, arson, bombs and explosives, theft, robbery, forgery, deposit account fraud, illegal use of transaction cards, computer, theft, identity theft, sale or distribution of harmful materials to minors, elder abuse, and homicide or serious injury by vehicle.

In general, after a crime occurs and is reported, and upon initial contact with a victim, any criminal justice agency is responsible for informing you of the following:

1. That is it possible that the accused may be released from custody prior to trial;
2. That victims have certain rights during various stages of the criminal justice system;
3. That victims have the right to refuse or agree to be interviewed by the accused, the accused’s attorney, or anyone who represents or contacts you on behalf of the accused,
4. That additional information about the stages of the process can be found at the **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council** at **404-657-1956**.
5. That victims may be eligible for monetary compensation for certain out-of-pocket losses incurred as a result of their victimization from the **Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program** administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at **(404-657-2222)** or **(1-800-436-7442)**

6. That victims may have available to them community-based victim service programs and that more information may be obtained by contacting the **Georgia Call Line** at **(1-800-436-7442)**.

7. That after an offender enters the prison system, the victim or victim's family, can contact the Parole Board to give views and information about the case, find out what the Board is doing on the case, and request notification of any parole decisions. More information may be obtained by the **Georgia Office of Victim Services** at **404-651-6668**.

Prosecution

Except in limited cases, such as domestic violence incidents, victims have the right to refuse to prosecute the suspect.

If an arrest of a suspect is made in your case, the arresting agency should inform the investigating law enforcement agency who, in turn, should promptly notify you.

During the prosecution phase of the case, the prosecuting attorney will keep you informed of the steps in the judicial process, if you make such a request in writing and provide the appropriate contact information.

The prosecuting attorney will explain the procedural steps in processing a criminal case and inform you of your rights under the law and suggest certain procedures you may utilize if you are subjected to threats or intimidation. Whenever possible you will be notified on any proceeding in which the release of the accused will be considered.

Most cases are disposed of without the necessity of a trial. However, if your case

proceeds to trial, every effort will be made for you to wait during proceedings in an area separate from the accused and their family, friends, and witnesses.

If a warrant is issued for a misdemeanor case, it will be processed by the Solicitor's Office of Clayton County in the State Court of Clayton County. If a warrant is issued for a felony, it will be processed by the District Attorney's Office of Clayton County in Superior Court of Clayton County.

Victim Assistance

Felony Cases: DA Victim Assistance Division
(770) 477-3450

Misdemeanor Cases: Solicitor's Victim Assistance
(770) 477-3380

Custodial Information: Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance
(770) 473-3800

Title IX

Students, staff, and faculty of the university have additional rights under Title IX and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

When sexual misconduct occurs, all members of the community are encouraged to report it promptly. Reports may be made to the Title IX Coordinator or Department of Public Safety.

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for monitoring and overseeing Title IX compliance at the University, to include coordination of training, education, communications, and administration of grievance procedures for faculty, staff, students and other members of the University community.

If you have a complaint against any member of the university community, please contact the Officer of Institutional Equity.

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