#### Know your rights...

On November 4, 2008, the California electorate approved Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008, also known as Marsy's Law. This amended the California Constitution to include a Bill of Rights for crime victims in California for the purpose of providing all victims with rights to due process and justice.

This pamphlet provides information on the Victim's Bill of Rights and where crime victims may obtain more information about their cases.

#### For information on your case, contact:

District Attorney's Office -916-874-8860 or victimnotification@sacda.org

## For information on case proceedings (except juvenile cases), visit:

Sacramento Superior Court www.saccourt.com (defendant's name or case number needed)

#### For information about inmate release:

SIREN (Sheriff Inmate Release Elective Notification System) 916-874-6752 www.sacsheriff.com

### District Attorney Victim/Witness Unit:

916-874-5701

Case Number:		
Officer:		

Folsom Police Department 916-355-7231 www.folsom.ca.us/police

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department 916-874-5115 www.sacsheriff.com Information about defendants in custody: sacsheriff.com/inmateinformation

Citrus Heights Police Department 916-727-5500 citrusheights.net/police

Rancho Cordova Police Department 916-875-9600 www.ranchocordovapd.com

Sacramento Police Department 916-264-5471 www.sacpd.org

Elk Grove Police Department 916-478-8000 www.elkgrovepd.com

Galt Police Department 209-366-7000 www.galtpd.com

California Highway Patrol North: 916-338-6710 South: 916-681-2300

#### **Sacramento County Probation Department**

(Adult Court Investigations and Services) 916-874-1500 www.probation.saccounty.net

California Relay Services 7-1-1 or 800-735-2929 TDD





## Victims' Bills of Rights Marsy's Rights



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AN HONOR TO SERVE,
A DUTY TO PROTECT

# In order to preserve and protect a victim's rights to just and due process, a victim shall be entitled to the following rights:

- (1) To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse, thought the criminal or juvenile justice process
- (2) To reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant
- (3) To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant
- (4) To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, which could be used to locate or harass the victim of the victim's family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medial or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged by law.
- (5) To refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery request by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.
- (6) To reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with prosecuting agency, upon request, regarding, the arrest of the defendant if known by the prosecutor, the charges filed, the

- determination whether to extradite the defendant, and, upon request, to be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case
- (7) To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, upon request, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.
- (8) To be heard, upon request, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.
- (9) To a speedy trail and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post– judgement proceedings
- (10) To provide information to a probation department official conducting a presentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant
- (11) To receive, upon request, the presentence report when available to the defendant, except for those portions made confidential by law
- (12) To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, and the release or escape by the defendant from custody.

- (13) To restitution
- (A) It is the unequivocal intention of the People of the State of California that all persons who suffer losses as a result of criminal activity shall have the right to seek and secure restitution from the persons convicted of the crimes causing the losses they suffer
- (B) Restitution shall be ordered from the convicted wrongdoer in every case, regardless of the sentence or disposition imposed, in which a crime victim suffers a loss.
- (C) All monetary payments, monies, and property collected from any person who been ordered to make restitution shall be first applied to the amounts ordered as restitution to the victim.
- (14) To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.
- (15) To be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender
- (16) To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgement release decision is made
- (17) To be informed of the right enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (16)

California Constitution Article 1
Section 28