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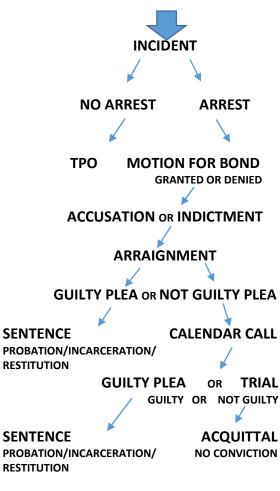
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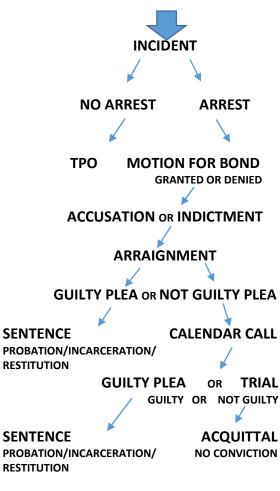
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Visit the Rome Floyd County website http://www.romefloyd.com/

#### GOVERNMENT

Departments Victim Witness Assistance Program

Print the Notification Form, Victim Impact Statement and Restitution Request Form, then return the completed forms to our office or scan, then email the completed forms to: sandra.kunneman@floydcountyga.org

## PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE!

If your phone number or address changes after the initial police report is made contact the Victim Witness Assistance Program in order to continue to receive information about your case.

#### **RELEASE OF OFFENDERS**

The Victim Witness Assistance Program or VWAP is a division of the local District Attorney's Office. If you request notifications we will notify you of court events, accompany you to court, inform you of your rights, answer any questions, & refer you to other agencies for services. We are available Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Hospitality House, Shelter for Domestic Violence Victims (24 Hours) 706-235-4673

Floyd County Dept. of Family & Children Services (DFCS) 706-295-6500

Highland Rivers 800-729-5700

Floyd County Juvenile Court 706-291-5180

Floyd County District Attorney's Office 706-291-5210

Floyd County Magistrate Court 706-291-5250

Rome Police Department 706-238-5111

Floyd County Police Department 706-235-7766

Floyd County Sheriff's Department/ Jail 706-291-4111

Floyd County Health Department 706-295-6123 IF YOU ARE THREATENED, HARRASSED, OR INTIMIDATED BY THE ACCUSED-CALL 911!

# **IMPORTANT!**

CASE INFORMATION - KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS – Name of Defendant/s:

Date of Crime:

Officer/Agency:

#### **GRIEVANCE POLICY**

The Floyd County Victim Witness Assistance Program does not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability. If you believe you have been the target of discrimination, you have the right to file a civil rights complaint. Information on how to file a civil rights complaint can be found on the Office of Justice Programs website.http://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/complaint.htm

# VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

# VWAP

# Crime Victims Have Rights!

**Georgia Law** 

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# You have the right to be notified of;

- The arrest & release of the accused,
- The availability of victim service programs,
- The availability of compensation for victims of violent crimes,
- Court proceedings during prosecution of the case,
- The right to be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea, or sentencing of the accused,
- The right to restitution as provided by law,
- Motions for new trial,

## You have the right to;

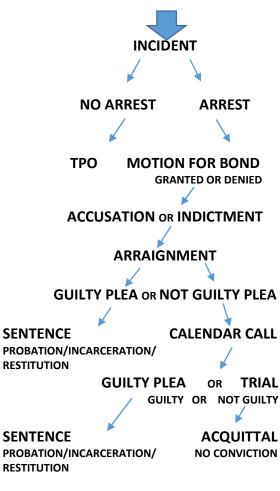
- Express your opinion regarding the release of the accused pending the disposition of the case,
- Express your views concerning the outcome of the case.
- Complete a Victim Impact Statement.

FOR COMPLETE VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS - GO TO: http://crimevictimscomp.ga.gov/about-us/forms/

#### PLEASE BE AWARE:

As the victim of a crime, you 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 in the case. If you agree to be interviewed, you may set conditions for the interview, who may be present, any security arrangements for the interview and whether or not the interview may be recorded. You also have the right to terminate the interview at any time or to refuse to answer any questions during the interview. If you have questions, you may contact the District Attorney's Office at 706-291-5210.

# LEGAL PROCESS



#### GEORGIA CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

You may be eligible for <u>reimbursement</u> benefits for counseling, medical expenses or certain other expenses if you are the victim of a personal / violent crime. Please call the VWAP for more information or go to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at: https://cjcc.georgia.gov/victims-compensation

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