

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE OFFICE OF CRIME
VICTIM SERVICES
“THE INVISIBLE WOUND”**

We realize that being a crime victim can be a very disturbing experience. Forget what you’ve seen on TV or in the movies. Crime and its effects are seldom tied up in an hour or two. Crime disrupts health, personal outlook and relationships of victims. Crime often destroys victims’ sense of trust in their surroundings and their sense of control over their lives. This intangible impact has often been described as an invisible wound on the life of crime victims.

Just as physical injury takes time to heal, the invisible wound inflicted by crime takes time to heal. The healing process will be uneven. It can take weeks or months for victims to regain their emotional balance. Time and understanding are the best remedies for dealing with the impact of serious crime.

Talking is often the best medicine for crime victims. Family and friends need to listen to the victim’s story no matter how many times it is told. Victims need non-judgmental support and time to heal at their own pace.

**CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION
PROGRAM**

If this crime resulted in a personal injury, the Crime Victim Compensation Program may be available to help pay for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses (such as medical bills, counseling, and lost wages) even if there is no arrest or conviction. Reimbursement is not available for property damage or loss. If you would like further information please contact the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services, P.O. Box 7951, Madison, WI 53707-7951, 1-800-446-6564.

GENERAL VICTIM RIGHTS

Under Wisconsin State Statutes Act 181, and State Statute 950.04, victims are afforded certain rights as follows:

- You have the right to receive protection from the offender throughout the justice process.
- You have the right to have any stolen, recovered, or seized property which is no longer needed as evidence, returned to you as quickly as possible. Contact the Investigating Officer or Detective to determine when property may be released.
- You have the right to information regarding financial restitution, compensation, and other services. For the purposes of restitution, it is important that you gather and keep accurate documentation about your losses.
- You have the right to attend all hearings.
- You have the right to request an opportunity to confer with staff of the District Attorney’s Office.
- You have the right to a timely disposition of the case.
- You have the right to submit a victim impact statement to the judge.
- You have the right to be informed of the final disposition of the case.

VICTIM SUPPORT

- Dane County District Attorney’s Office
(608) 266-4211
- Dane County District Attorney’s Victim / Witness Unit
(608) 266-9003
- Dane County District Attorney’s Office Crime Response Program
(608) 284-6908
- Dane County District Attorney’s Office Domestic Violence Unit
(608) 284-6880
- Rape Crisis Center
(608) 251-7273 (24-hour Information)
- Domestic Abuse Intervention Services
(608) 251-1237
- Dane County Mental Health Center
(608) 280-2700 (Non Emergency)
(608) 280-2600 (Emergency 24 Hour line)
- Dane County Human Services
(608) 255-6067
- First Call for Help
(608) 246-4357 (Information and Referral Service)
- Department of Justice Victim Resource Center
(608) 264-9497

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
POLICE DEPARTMENT
VICTIM INFORMATION
FOR DANE COUNTY**



TODAY'S DATE _____

OFFENSE DATE _____

VICTIM'S NAME _____

OFFICER'S NAME _____

CASE NUMBER _____

**University of Wisconsin-Madison
Police Department**

**1429 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711**

uwpd.wisc.edu

Call 262-2957 if you are the victim of a crime.

Call 9-1-1 if you are in immediate danger.

As the victim of a crime, you have the right to obtain information from records maintained by the law enforcement agency investigating the crime you reported. The information you are being provided is confidential and may only be used to determine if the offender is being held in the Dane County Jail or the Dane County Juvenile Reception Center for the purpose of recovering for the injury, damage, or loss suffered as a result of the offender's act.

Arrested / Offender's Name _____

(DOB) _____ / _____ / _____

Arrested / Offender's Name _____

(DOB) _____ / _____ / _____

Phone Number () _____

An arrest may not be made during the initial investigation of the crime you reported but if sufficient information is available, or if it appears that further investigation may develop substantial "leads," your case may be assigned to an investigator. Cases not specifically assigned for follow-up are retained in an active status until additional information is forthcoming. You may assist in the investigation by promptly reporting new information you discover or remember. To determine the status of your investigation, you may call this phone number.

**UW-Madison Police Dept.
Detective Unit Supervisor
1429 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711-2018**

(608) 265-3082

Dane County VINE Service

For inmate information, Call VINE toll free
1-877-418-8463

VINE is a free, 24-hour telephone service that allows you to check on the status of inmates in custody within the Dane County Jail System, and to register for automatic notification when an inmate is released or transferred.

Vine can also provide you with information on the inmate's charges and bail, location in the jail, scheduled release date, where and when an inmate was transferred, and court information concerning scheduled hearings.

Victim Information and Notification Everyday

Do not depend solely on the VINE service for your protection. If you feel that you may be at risk, take precautions as if the inmate has already been released.

ADULT OFFENDERS

If an adult offender has been arrested and confined in jail in connection with this investigation, you may contact the Dane County Sheriff's Department to determine if the offender has been released from jail. Offenders will be held in jail in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes and bail provisions. The case will be referred to the Dane County District Attorney's Office for determination of whether charges will be filed.

If an adult offender has been arrested by misdemeanor citation but is not being held in jail, a court date has been set and prosecution will be handled by the Dane County District Attorney's Office for determination of whether charges will be filed.

If an adult offender has been identified but not confined in jail in connection with this investigation, the case may be referred to the Dane County District Attorney's office for determination of whether charges will be filed.

**Dane County Jail
(608) 284-6100**

**Dane Co. District Attorney
(608) 266-4211**

**Victim / Witness Unit
(608) 266-9003**

**Domestic Violence Unit
(608) 284-6880**

PROSECUTION OF ADULT OFFENDERS

If the District Attorney's office decides to change the offender they will contact after the initial appearance and inform you of case status and your rights as a victim. ie, your right to attend court proceedings, and your right to discuss the case with the prosecutor.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

If a Juvenile Offender has been identified and detained in connection with this offense, you may contact the Juvenile Reception Center to determine if the juvenile has been released. The intake worker or judge will follow Wisconsin State Statutes when determining where and for how long a juvenile will be detained. The case will be referred to Juvenile Intake for review and charging decisions and you will be contacted, as soon as possible, regarding rights and services. Please refer to the case number when you call. If a Juvenile Offender has been identified and referred for

charging by the investigating officer, but not detained in connection with this offense, the charge may be referred to Juvenile Intake for review and charging decisions.

**Dane Co. Juvenile Reception & Intake
(608) 266-4983**

DISPOSITION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

If, after review, the case will be handled by the Department of Human Services without the filing of formal charges, you will be sent information about your rights, including your right to discuss the case with an intake worker and / or submit other information about the impact of the offense. If formal charges are issued, the District Attorney's Office will try to contact you, as soon as possible, with additional information including your right to attend court proceedings, and your right to discuss the case with the prosecutor.

Please contact the UW-Madison Police Department at 262-2957 if you are subjected to threats or intimidation arising from your cooperation with law enforcement or prosecution efforts relating to the investigation of any crime.

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