

## MARSY'S LAW GIVES VICTIMS A VOICE

Crime Victims have the RIGHT to: **Notification, Information, Consultation, and Participation** in the criminal justice process. Rights afforded crime victims by Marsy's Law work in conjunction with KRS 421.500.

For a detailed list of all Marsy's Law rights please visit our website at: [ag.ky.gov/resources](http://ag.ky.gov/resources).

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

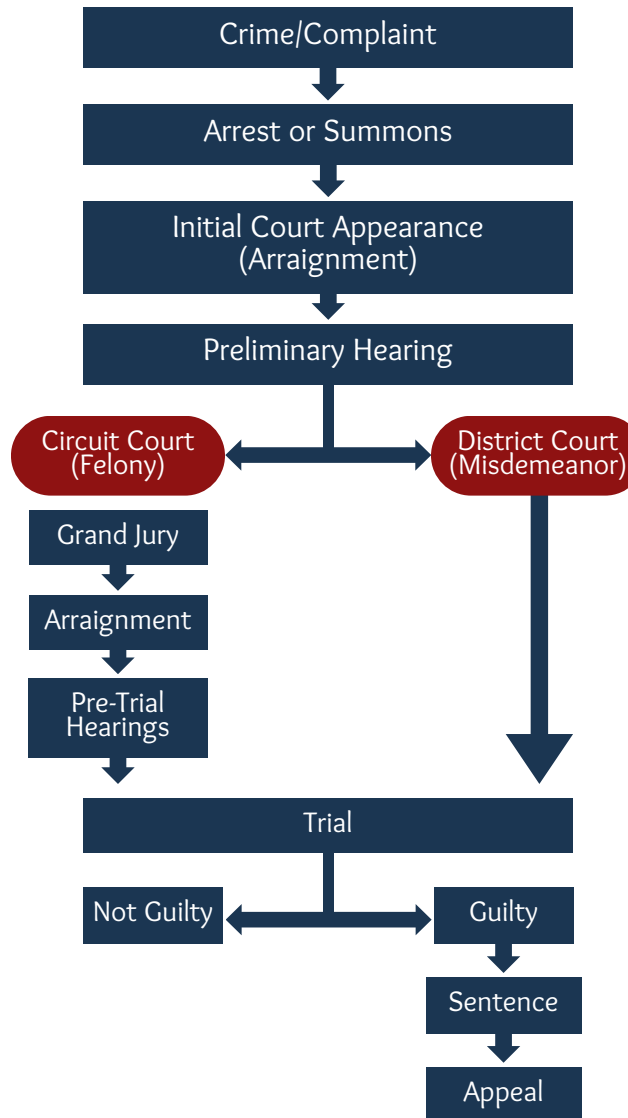
Apply for crime victim compensation:  
(502) 782-8255

To be notified of the release of an incarcerated defendant:

**Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE):** (800) 511-1670

If you are experiencing **intimidation, harassment, or retaliation**, please contact local law enforcement and the prosecutor on your case.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS



The Office of the Attorney General does not discriminate on the basis of protected classes: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, age, disability, veteran status, or genetic information in employment or in the provision of services and provides upon request, reasonable accommodation necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities.

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## VICTIM RIGHTS

## OFFICE OF VICTIMS ADVOCACY

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## PROSECUTOR'S ROLE

Commonwealth and County Attorneys' Offices prosecute all criminal proceedings unless a special prosecutor is requested from the Attorney General.

## DEFENSE'S ROLE

The defendant or his or her attorney has the right to question all witnesses at trial or in other court proceedings (except a Grand Jury). **A victim or witness is not required to discuss the crime outside of court unless served with a court order or subpoena.**

## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ROLE

In addition to assisting in special prosecution cases, the Office of the Attorney General will notify victims in the event of an appeal.



## PROSECUTORS MUST

### Promote Victim Participation

- Make reasonable efforts to ensure that victims/witnesses who are required to attend criminal justice proceedings are notified of any scheduled changes that affect their appearance;
- Return victims' property held for evidentiary purposes unless there is a compelling reason for retaining it;
- Upon request by a victim/witness, assist in explaining absences from work, due to participation in the prosecution, to employers.

### Notify Victim regarding

- Upon conviction of the defendant they may submit a written impact statement;
- Defendant's release on bond and any special conditions of release;
- The Defendant's charges;
- Trial date (including any changes);
- Trial verdict;
- Appeal of the conviction is pursued by the defendant; and of a scheduled hearing for shock probation or for bail pending appeal and any orders resulting from that hearing;
- Changes in custody of the defendant;
- Sentencing date and any Parole Board hearings held for the defendant.

## PROSECUTORS MUST

### Inform Victim regarding

- Protective, emergency, social, and medical services;
- Obtaining assistance from a victim advocate;
- Community-based treatment programs;
- Where applicable, restitution and crime victim compensation;
- Registration/notification when a person has been released from prison, jail, juvenile detention facility, psychiatric facility, or under limited circumstances, a forensic psychiatric facility;
- Protection from intimidation, harassment, or retaliation;
- The Victim, Witness, and Family Protection Program.

### Consult with Victims regarding

- Case dismissal;
- Release of the defendant, pending Judicial proceedings;
- Any conditions of release;
- Negotiated plea;
- Defendant's entry into a Pre-trial Diversion Program.