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- 1. Fairness and Respect:** To be treated with fairness & respect for his or her privacy & dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.
- 2. Protection from the Defendant:** To be reasonably protected from the defendant & persons acting on behalf of the defendant.
- 3. Victim Safety Considerations in Setting Bail & Release Conditions:** To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail & release conditions of the defendant.
- 4. Prevention of the Disclosure of Confidential Information:** To prevent 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 or the victim's family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medical or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged or confidential by law.
- 5. Refusal to be interviewed by the Defense:** 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, & to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of such interview to which the victim consents.
- 6. Conference with the Prosecution & Notice of Pretrial Disposition:** To reasonable notice of and to reasonable confer with the 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. Notice of & Presence at Public Proceedings:** To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceeding, upon request, at which the defendant & the prosecutor are entitled to be present & of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, & to be present at all such hearings.
- 8. Appearance at Court Proceedings & Expression of Views:** To be heard, upon request, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, plea sentencing, post-conviction release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.
- 9. Speedy Trial & Prompt Conclusion of the Case:** To a speedy trial & a prompt & final conclusion of the case & any related post-judgment proceedings.
- 10. Information to the Probation Department:** To provide information to probation department official conducting a pre-sentence investigation concerning the impact the offense on the victim & the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant.
- 11. Receipt of Pre-Sentence Report:** To receive, upon request, the pre-sentence report when available to the defendant, except for the portions made confidential by law.
- 12. Information about Conviction, Sentence, Incarceration, Release, & Escape:** To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place & time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, & the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.
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14. Prompt Return of Property: To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

15. Notice of Parole Procedures & Release on Parole: 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, & to be notified, upon request, of the parole or release of the offender.

16. Safety of Victim & Public in Parole Release: To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, & the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made.

17. To be informed of the rights enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (16).

Local Resources

- Contra Costa County Victim Assistance Program: (925) 957-8650
- VINE- Register to receive inmate release/custody information - Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Jail 1-877-411-5588 or www.vinelink.com
- Community Violence Solutions – Sexual Assault: (800)670-7273 www.cvsolutions.org
- STAND! For Families free of Violence - Domestic Violence: (888) 215-5555 www.standffov.org
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders: (888) 215-5555 www.cc-courthelp.org
- Central County Family Justice Center (Concord): (925)521-6366 www.cocofamilyjustice.org
- West County Family Justice Center (Richmond): (510) 965-4949
- Contra Costa Crisis Center Hotline: (800) 833-2900 www.crisis-center.org
- Local Referrals and Information: Dial 211 www.bowmansystems.com
- Victim Compensation Program: (800) 777-9229 www.victimcompensation.ca.gov
- Bay Area Legal Aid: (800) 551-5554 www.baylegal.org
- Monument Crisis Center: (925) 825-7751 www.monumentcrisiscenter.org
- Homeless Hotline: (800) 808-6444
- Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office: (925) 957-2200 www.contracostada.org
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Office of Survivor and Victim Services: (877) 256-6877 www.cdcr.ca.gov
- Contra Costa County Probation Department: (925) 313-4000
- Court Collections and Compliance Unit - Restitution (8am to 1pm): (925) 957-5611
- Parents of Murdered Children: (510) 232-2798 www.pomc.com
- Megan's Law – Sex Offender Registry: www.meganslaw.ca.gov
- McGeorge School of Law - Victims of Crime Resource Center: (800) –Victims www.1800victms.org
- California Attorney General's Office Victim Services Unit: (877) 433-9069 www.ag.ca.gov
- Safe at Home Program: (877) 322-5227 www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome
- Food Bank of Contra Costa County: (925) 676-7543 www.foodbankccs.org
- Rainbow Community Center: (925) 692-0090 www.rainbowcc.org
- Lao Family Community Development Inc.: (510) 215-1220 www.lfcd.org
- International Rescue Committee: (510)452-8222 www.rescue.org
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1-888-3737-888 www.traffickingresourcecenter.org

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A victim, the retained attorney of a victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the prosecuting attorney upon request of the victim, may enforce the above rights in any trial or appellate court with jurisdiction over the case as a matter of right. The court shall act promptly on such a request. (Cal. Const., art I, 28(c)(1).)

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