

**The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Victim Witness Advocacy Unit will provide but is not limited to:**

- ◆ Information and assistance regarding the rights and entitlements of the New Jersey Crime Victims' Bill of Rights (NJSA 52:4B-36)
- ◆ Referrals to social service and mental health agencies
- ◆ Accompaniment to court hearings
- ◆ Assistance with VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) VINE is New Jersey's statewide crime victim assistance and notification system. The VINE service will provide custody status of the offender. VINE will notify you by phone when an offender is released or transferred.
- ◆ Information and assistance with applications to the VCCO (Victims of Crime Compensation Office). The VCCO assists innocent individuals whose lives have been tragically altered as a result of victimization from violent crimes by providing compensation for some expenses they suffer from the result of the crime.
- ◆ Assistance with cases involving Juvenile Offenders
- ◆ Assistance with registering with the New Jersey State Parole Board.
- ◆ A private, secure and comfortable waiting room in the Prosecutor's Office.



**For Your Records:**

Prosecutor File #: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Prosecutor assigned to case:  
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Detective assigned to case:  
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Victim Witness Advocate assigned to case:  
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VINE Pin #: \_\_\_\_\_

Victim Witness Portal Username:  
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Victim Witness Portal Password:  
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## Our Mission

**The Ocean County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy's mission is to ensure that victims of crime are treated with fairness, compassion and respect by the criminal justice system as mandated by Paragraph 22, Article 1 of the New Jersey Constitution.**

**The staff of the Victim Witness Office is dedicated to providing direct, personal service to the victims, witnesses and their families.**

**Victim Witness staff provides these services to assist in reducing inconvenience, trauma and frustration attached to the aftermath of a crime incident and the court process.**

## **Crime Victims' Bill of Rights N.J.S.A. 52:4B-36 Crime victims are entitled to the following certain basic rights:**

- ◆ To be treated with dignity and compassion by the criminal justice system.
- ◆ To be informed about the criminal justice process.
- ◆ To be free of intimidation.
- ◆ To have inconveniences associated with participation in the criminal justice process minimized to the fullest extent possible.
- ◆ To medical assistance if, in the judgment of law enforcement agency, medical assistance appears necessary.
- ◆ To be notified if presence in court is not needed.
- ◆ To be informed about available remedies, financial assistance and social services.
- ◆ To be compensated for their loss whenever possible.
- ◆ To be provided a secure, but not necessarily separate, waiting area during court proceedings.
- ◆ To be advised of case progress and final disposition.
- ◆ To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.
- ◆ To submit a written statement about the impact of the crime to a representative of the county prosecutor's office which shall be considered prior to the prosecutor's final decision concerning whether formal criminal charges will be filed.
- ◆ To make, prior to sentencing, an in-person statement directly to the sentencing court concerning the impact of the crime.

## Victim Resources

**NJ State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy  
Division of Criminal Justice  
PO Box 085  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0085  
1-609-896-8855**

**Victims of Crime Compensation Office  
1-877-658-2221**

**V.I.N.E. (Victim Information & Notification Everyday)  
1-877-846-3465**

**NJ State Parole Board Victim Services  
1-609-292-4582**

**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Victim Notification Program  
Office of Investigations  
500 12th St., SW, MS 5101, Room 6219  
Washington, DC 20536-5101  
1-866-872-4973**

**National Organization For Victims of Crime (NOVA)  
1-800-879-6682 (1-800-TRY-NOVA)**

**New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women  
1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road  
Trenton, NJ 08690  
1-609-584-8107**

**Providence House  
Hotline 1-800-246-8910  
Office 1-732-350-2120**

**St. Francis Counseling Services  
4700 Long Beach Blvd.  
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008  
1-609-494-1554**

**United Way of Ocean County of Ocean  
1-732-240-3118**

