

MICHIGAN CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS ACT

In Michigan, a victim is an individual who suffers direct or threatened physical, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime.

The Michigan Constitution and the Crime Victim Rights Act (MCL 780. 751) grants you certain rights:

- To be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- To be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- To a timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
- To notification of court proceedings.
- To attend the trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend.
- To confer with the prosecution.
- To make a statement to the court at sentencing.
- To restitution.
- To information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.

To take advantage of these rights, you must notify the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. You must also keep the Victim's Rights Unit informed of your current address and phone number. If you fail to follow these instructions, you may not receive the benefit of some of the rights listed within this pamphlet.

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

Crime Victim Compensation helps pay out of pocket medical expenses, lost earnings, funeral bills or Counseling for people who suffer physical injury as a direct result of a crime.

For further information or to find out if you qualify please contact:

Crime Victim Services Commission:
517-373-7373

Victims Only Toll Free:
877-251-7373

Fax: 517-373-2439

mi.gov/crimevictims

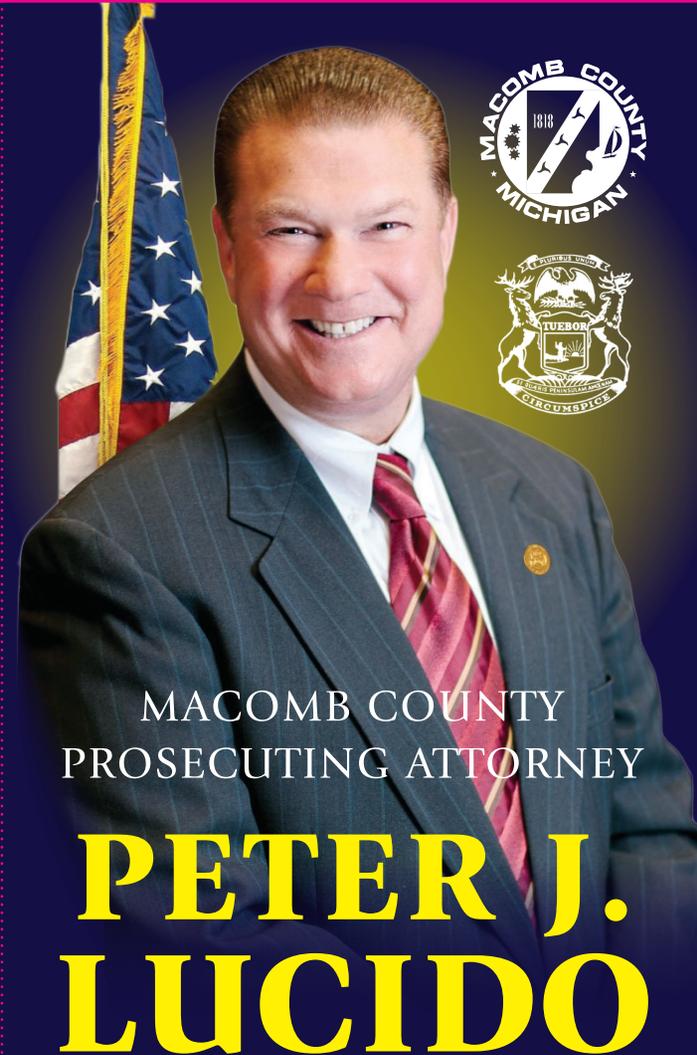
National Human Trafficking Hotline:
888-373-7888
Humantraffickinghotline.org

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services National Hotline:
877-662-HELP (800-662-4357)

TTY Helpline: 800-487-4889

Samhsa.bgov/find-help/national-helpline

Crime Victim Email:
crimevictims@macombgov.org



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Every one of your questions will be answered

COMMON JUVENILE COURT TERMS

Adjudication (Trial)

The process of determining the truth of the facts alleged in a petition.

Consent Calendar

An informal probation, usually for first time offenders.

Detention

Court ordered removal of a juvenile from the custody of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian pending trial, disposition, commitment, or further order.

Disposition (Sentencing)

The court makes its final determination of what to do with an adjudicated respondent/juvenile.

Petition

Charging document in juvenile court or other written allegation that a juvenile has committed an offense.

Plea

The juvenile admits to the petitioned offense or lesser offense. A factual basis must be established in order for the judge to accept the plea.

Preliminary Hearing

A preliminary hearing is where there is a determination that there is probable cause that the crime was committed and that the juvenile petitioned in court did it. The placement of the juvenile is also addressed at this time.

Pretrial Conference

The pretrial conference may be scheduled by the court before trial. The witness and exhibit lists are exchanged and other preparations are made in anticipation of trial.

TYPICAL COURT PROCESS



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FAQ's

Will my child have to testify?

Possibly. Consult with your advocate.

Do we have to appear at the court hearings for the case to proceed?

You have a right to appear at every hearing. If required to appear you will be notified and may receive a subpoena.

Is there a difference between the Adult and Juvenile process.

Yes. Consult with your advocate for further explanation.

Is my personal information shared with the defendant?

Any information outside of the crime itself is not shared with the defendant.

Can I get a personal protection order?

The Assistant Prosecutor may request a no-contact order. If you are interested in a PPO please contact 586-469-7494.

Who do I contact about restitution?

Call your advocate or Juvenile Probation.