

## FAQ's

### What is a Victim Advocate?

Victim Advocates are trained professionals who provide support and assistance to victims through the criminal justice system.

### Will I 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 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?

Contact the Probation Department handling the case.

## RESOURCES

### Turning Point 24 hour crisis line:

586-463-6990

Serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Offers shelter, counseling, and support groups.

### Personal Protection Order (PPO)

Office - 586-469-7494

Offers support and assistance in filing a personal protection order.

### Circuit Court Probation Dept.:

586-469-5330

### District Court (D.C.) Probation

Contact the District Court (D.C.) that handled the case:

### 37th D.C. Warren:

586-574-4900

### 37th D.C. Centerline:

586-757-8333

### 38th D.C. Eastpointe:

586-445-5020

### 39th D.C. Roseville/ Fraser:

586-773-2010

### 40th D.C. St. Clair Shores:

586-445-5280

### 41-A1 Shelby Twp.:

586-739-7325

### 41-A3 Sterling Hts.:

586-446-2500

### 41B Clinton Twp.:

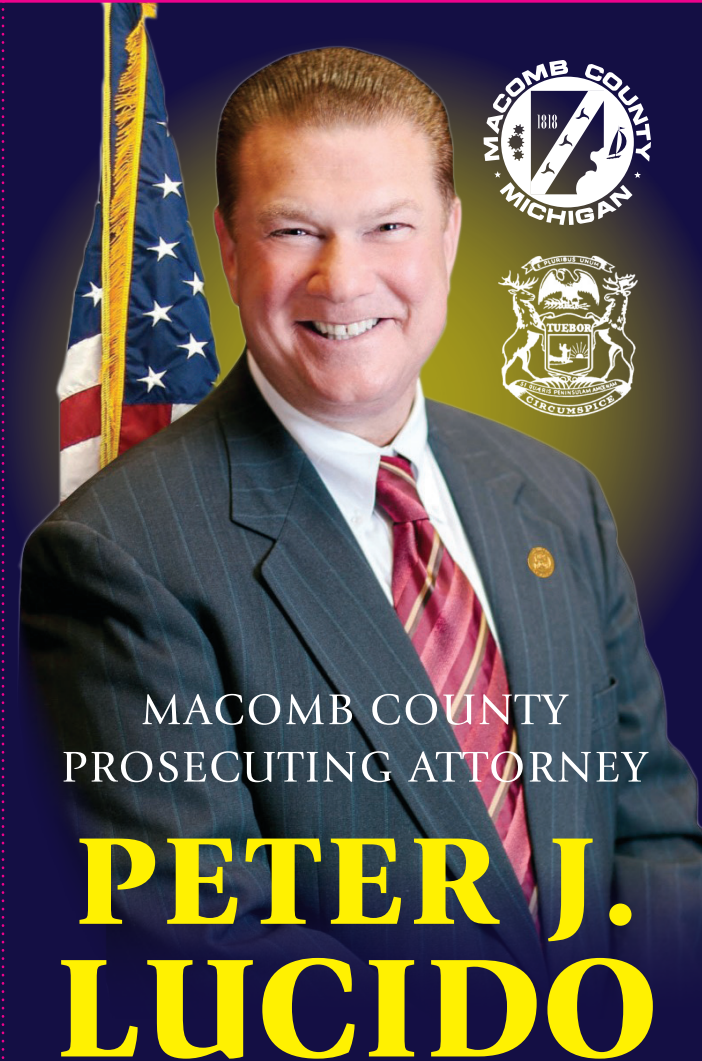
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### 42-1 Romeo:

586-752-9679

### 42-2 New Baltimore:

586-725-9500



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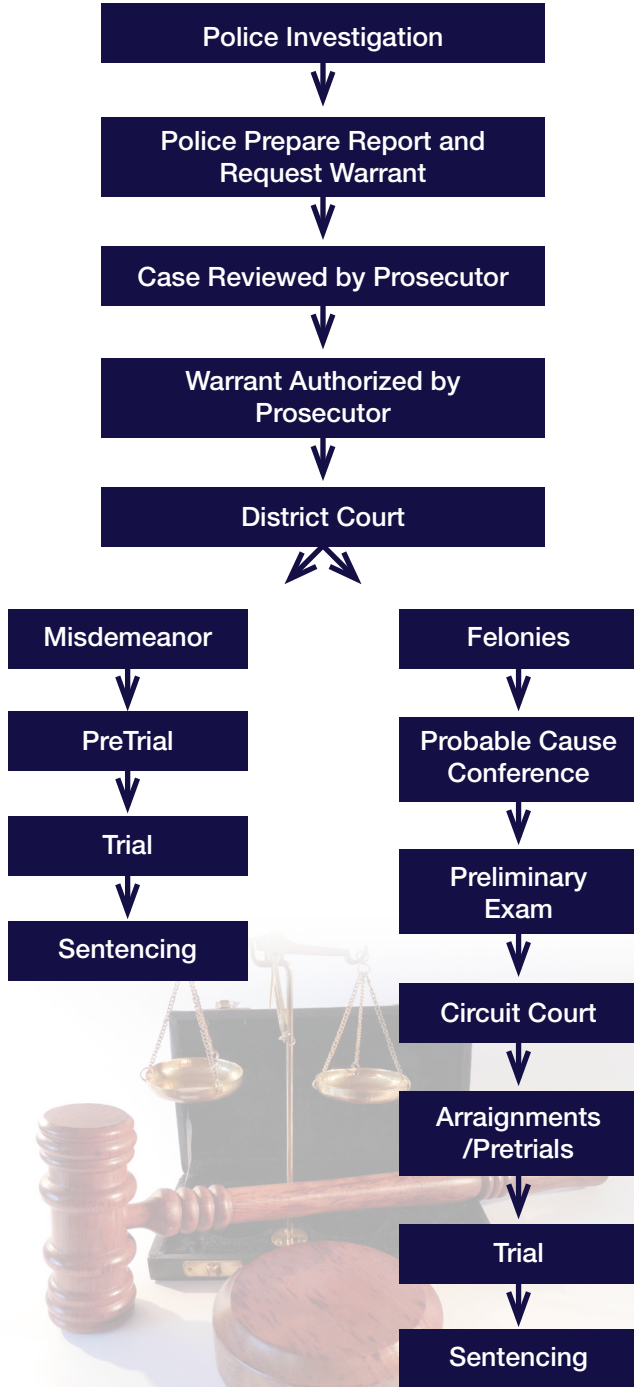
Email: [crimevictims@macombgov.org](mailto:crimevictims@macombgov.org)

Website: [prosecutor.macombgov.org](http://prosecutor.macombgov.org)

Every one of your questions will be answered



## TYPICAL COURT PROCESS



## 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.



## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

### 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.

### Crime Victim Service Commission

517-373-7373  
 Victims only toll free 877-251-7373  
 Fax: 517-373-2439  
[mi.gov/crimevictims](http://mi.gov/crimevictims)

### MI-Vine

MI-Vine is a statewide program that provides information and notification of offender custody status and court event information. (Register for court events in the county the crime occurred.)

800-770-7657  
 TTY: 866-847-1298  
[vinelink.com](http://vinelink.com)

### Michigan Department of Corrections Victim Services

Offers support services to crime victims after an offender's conviction.

517-373-4467  
 Toll-Free: 877-886-5401  
 Fax: 517-241-0536  
 TTY: 800-649-3777  
[mi.gov/corrections](http://mi.gov/corrections)