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Crime Victims' Rights

Privacy

Victims have the right to refuse interview/deposition/discovery requests made by the accused. [Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 10a(A)(6)]

Victims of certain sex crimes have the right to ask the judge to order that the information in the police report not be released [R.C. 2907.11]

Protection

Victims have the right to protection from the accused. [Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 10a(A)(4)]

Victims have the opportunity to obtain a court order to prevent intimidation/harm. [R.C. 109.42(A)(4)]

Victims of domestic violence have the right to seek a protection order. [R.C. 109.42(A)(11)]

Lawful Representative

Victims have the right to exercise their rights by themselves/with counsel/through the prosecutor, and to designate another person to act as their representative. [Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 10a(B); R.C. 2930.02]

Notification

Victims have the right to receive notice of public proceedings and to be notified of the results of the case. [Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 10a(A)(2); R.C. 2930.12]

Victims have the right to receive notice of any release or escape of an offender. [Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 10a(A)(5)]

Victims have the right to receive notice of a pending motion for release of the offender, be heard at the hearing, and be notified of the decision. [R.C. 109.42(A)(5)]

Victims have the right to receive notice of any application for release of the offender, and to send a written statement to the applicable authority. [R.C. 109.42(A)(6)]

Victims of sexually oriented or child-victim oriented offenses have the right to receive notice that the offender has registered as a sex offender. [R.C. 109.42(A)(12)]

Victims of certain sexually violent offenses by certain offenders have the right to receive notice of a hearing to determine whether to modify the offender's prison term. [R.C. 109.42(A)(13)]

Legal Proceedings

Victims have the right to confer with the prosecutor about their case, to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and a prompt conclusion to the case. [Ohio Constitution, Article I, Sections 10a(A)(8) and (9); R.C. 2930.08]

Victims have the right to be present, heard, and accompanied by a support person/victim advocate during public proceedings. [R.C. 2930.09]

Victims have the right to attend court without being threatened/penalized as a result of time missed from work. [R.C. 109.42(A)(1)]

Compensation

Victims have the right to apply for crime victim compensation. [R.C. 109.42(A)(3)]

Victims have the right to receive restitution. [R.C. 109.42(A)(10)]

Victims have the right bring a civil action to obtain money from the offender's profit fund, and to maintain a civil action against the parent of a minor who willfully damages property during a theft or willfully/maliciously assaults a person. [R.C. 09.42(A)(7), (8) and (9)]

Victims have the right to potential payment for damages caused by a lack of parental authority/control. [R.C. 109.42(A)(2)]

Note: The applicable law enforcement agency shall provide the victim with a Victim's Rights Request Form. [R.C. 2930.04(B)]