

## **Victims' Rights during Court Proceedings:**

You have the right:

- To confer with the prosecutor prior to trial.
- To have the court and prosecutor take appropriate action to ensure a speedy trial.
- To be present in the courtroom whenever the defendant has the right to be there, including trial
- To be accompanied at any judicial proceeding by a support person of your choice, including an Advocate, unless that person is also a witness.
- To make a statement to the court at a proceeding in which the court considers the post-arrest release of the defendant, a change of plea, and at the sentencing
- To have the court provide appropriate safeguards to minimize any contact that might occur between yourself and the defendant or the defendant's family or friends and defense witnesses during and immediately after any court proceeding.
- Not to testify regarding your address, telephone numbers, place of employment or other locating information unless you consent or it is ordered by the Court
- To ask the prosecutor to have the court reconsider the defendant's release from pre-trial custody.
- To confer with the prosecutor and to be heard at any proceeding involving the release of the defendant from custody.