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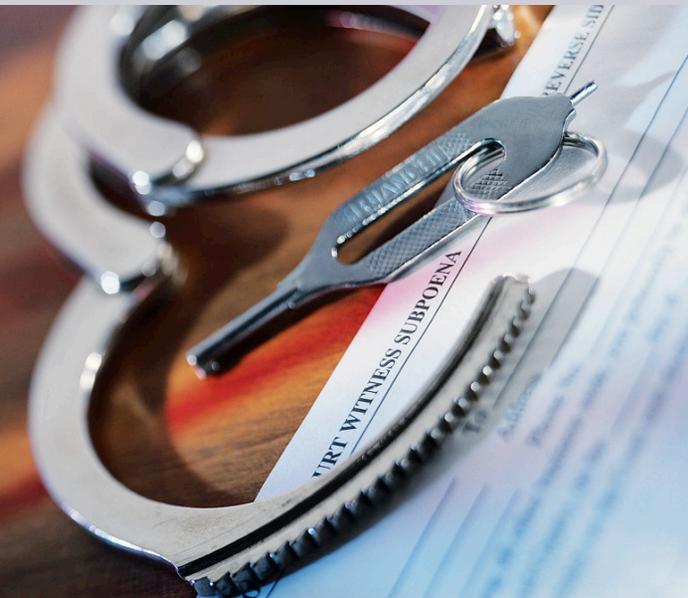
NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE NORFOLK FIELD OFFICE

See Something Wrong Do Something Right

We understand the concerns facing today's military community. The NCIS Text and Web Tip Line provides service members and civilians a safe, discreet, and anonymous option to report criminal information without the concerns of retaliation.



To learn how to submit a tip through the NCIS Text and Web Tip Line, scan the QR code with your smartphone.



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Information for Victims and Witnesses of a Crime

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is concerned about the difficulties often experienced by victims and witnesses of crimes. We know that as a victim or witness, you may experience anger, frustration, or fear as a result of your experience.

This brochure will help you deal with the problems and questions that often surface during an investigation and provide you with a better understanding of how the military criminal justice system operates.

The days and months after a crime may be difficult for you and your family; however, your continued assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.

A criminal investigation can be both complex and lengthy. Under some circumstances, an investigation may involve several agencies, some federal, some local. If requested, you will be kept informed of your status by the investigator handling your case.

IF YOU ARE THREATENED OR HARASSED

If you have been threatened or feel you are being harassed due to your cooperation in an investigation, contact the investigating agent or the NCIS Victim/Witness Hotline immediately. You may also request a restraining order and/or military protection order.

IF YOU WERE INJURED

If you do not have insurance to pay the cost of your medical bills, the state crime compensation office may be able to assist. Related expenses may also be reimbursable if you file a claim within one year of the trial.

RESTITUTION

You may be eligible for restitution (court-ordered payment to the victim) if the suspect is arrested and prosecuted in court.

IF PROPERTY WAS STOLEN

If your property was stolen, every effort will be made to recover it. Please note, sometimes property needs to be held as evidence. Once personal articles are no longer needed, every effort will be made to return them.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH EMPLOYER/COMMAND

Upon your request, we will contact your employer or Commanding Officer to discuss the importance of your role as a victim or witness in the government's case.

IF AN ARREST IS MADE

Since suspects may be released while pending trial, you have the right to request notification of the suspect's apprehension and release.

Once an offense has been referred for trial, the military trial counsel, local prosecutor, or the Assistant US Attorney assigned to handle your case may contact you. You have the right to consult with government counsel at key stages during the trial.

If the accused is sentenced to confinement, you have the right to request notification of changes in status leading to release. If you so elect, the confinement facility will notify you of parole hearings and of the escape, release, or death of the confinee.

THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF CRIME

Many victims and witnesses are emotionally affected by the crime they experience. If you wish to see a counselor, state compensation funds may be available to reimburse you. The Victim and Witness Assistance Coordinator will have details on how to obtain this assistance.

YOUR VICTIM RIGHTS

As a federal crime victim, you have the following rights:

- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy.
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender.
- The right to be notified of court proceedings.
- The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that your testimony would be materially affected if you, as the victim, heard other testimony at trial.
- The right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case.
- The right to available restitution.
- The right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.

CASE AGENT INFORMATION

YOUR CASE AGENT IS:

NAME:

PHONE:



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