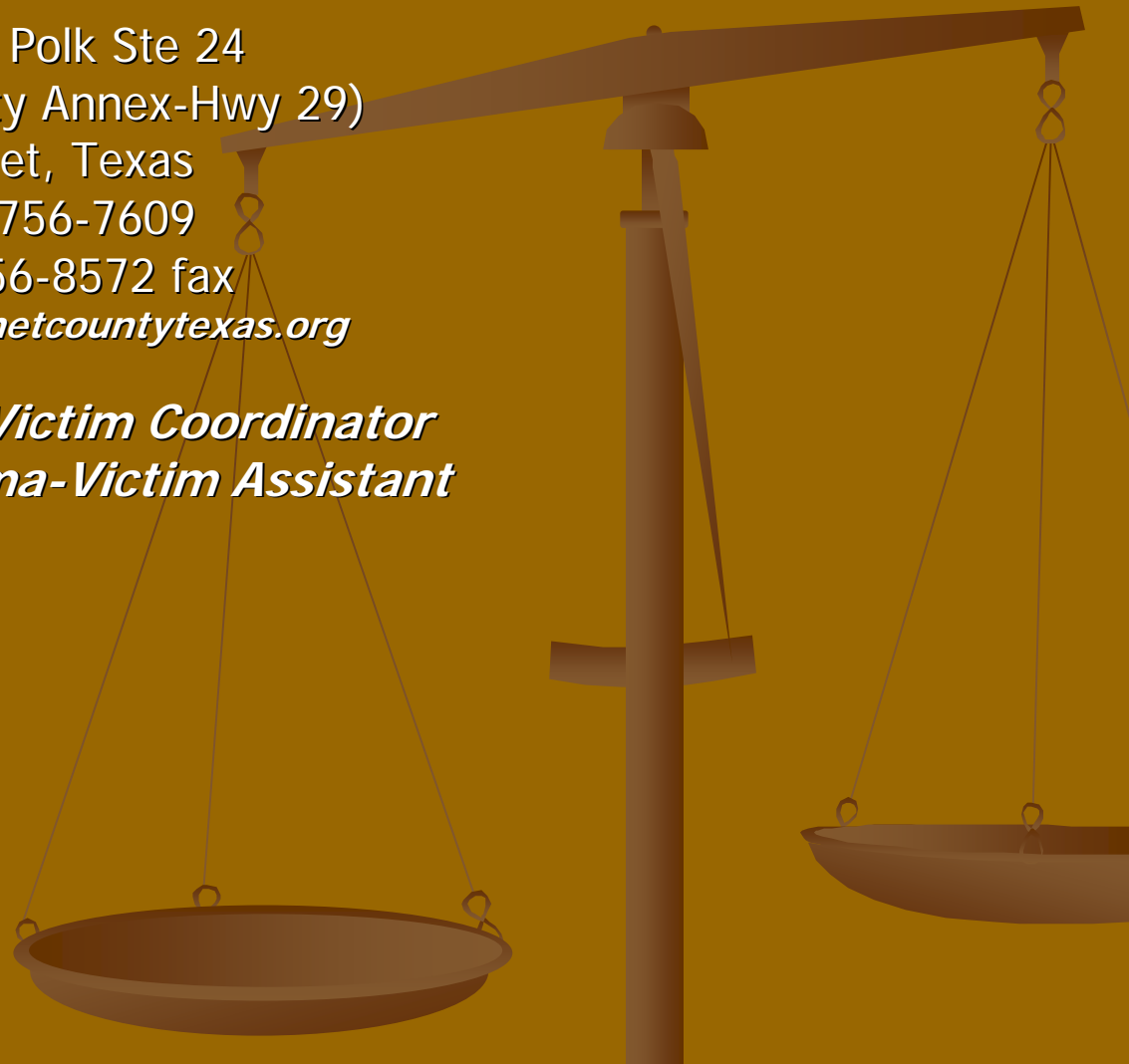


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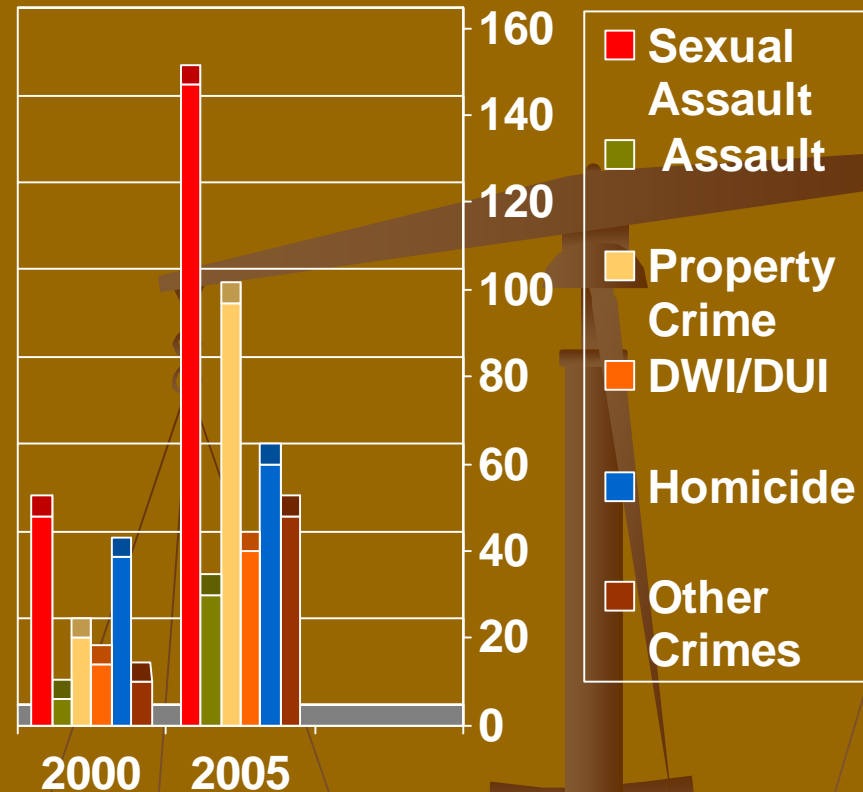
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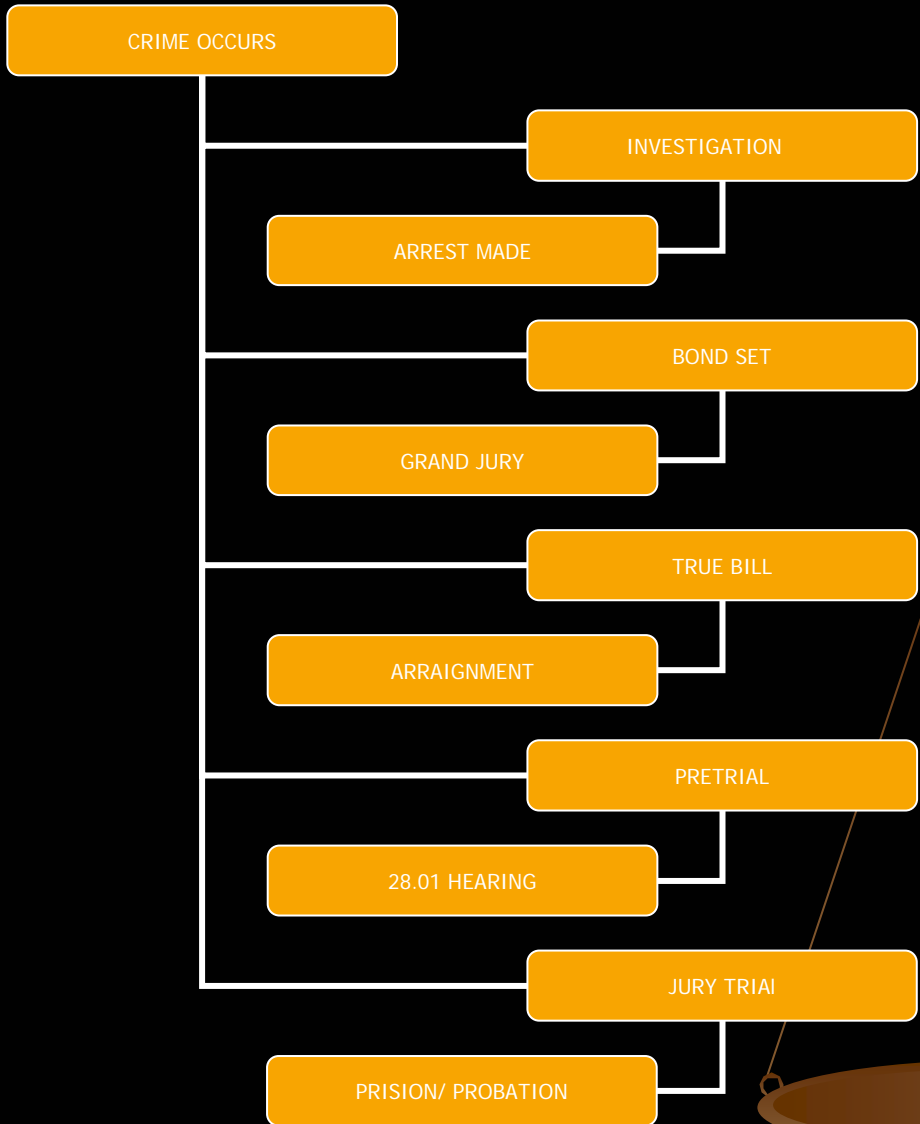


Why Victim Service's is Needed

- You can only imagine how things change over a five year span. This chart shows just how much crime has increased. No one ever expect to be a victim of crime. However in this day and time, unfortunately it happens.
- The 33rd Judicial District Victim Services is always ready and willing to help victims during these traumatic times. We will help you though the judicial process by giving you written court notification about your case. We will give court accompaniment to any court hearings to answer your questions and give you moral support. We keep you informed of any changes in status of your case.
- We can assist you with applying for *Crime Victims Compensation*, which is a fund administrated by the Attorney Generals Office. The fund assist victims with out of pocket expenses as a result of the crime.
- We also provide assistance with victim impact statements.
- By filling out a victim impact statement, the decisions makers in the system will have heard your voice on the effects of how the crime has impacted your life.
- [http:// www. tdcj.state.tx.us](http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us)



Felony Criminal Process



- What Happens To The Accused?
- The person that is accused of the crime is now called the defendant. Soon after the arrest by a peace officer, the defendant is taken before the Judge who informs the defendant of the reason he has been arrested, due to the facts listed on the complaint. The Judge is required to set the amount of the bail. Unless the defendant can post bail the defendant will remain in custody.
- Bail
- The accused has the right to reasonable bail. Bail must be high enough to ensure that the accused shows up for court, bail cannot be used to punish. The nature of the offense as well as the future safety of the victim and the community shall be considered.
- What is Grand Jury?
- A Grand Jury is made up of 12 citizens. The District Attorney has no control over this selection process. Grand Jury proceeding are NOT open to the public. If there is a enough evidence to prove that a felony was committed, it takes a vote to issue a true bill, or indictment. A No-bill terminates the case.

Victims of Crime have the right to:

Receive adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts

Have their safety considered by the magistrate when setting bail

Advance notification, on request, of relevant court proceedings, including cancellations and rescheduling

Request information from the peace officer about the defendant's general right to bail and criminal investigation procedures and from the prosecutor's office about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea agreements, restitution, appeals and parole.

Information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and, on request, referral to social service agencies that provide other types of assistance.

Provide pertinent information concerning the impact of the crime to the probation department conducting the pre-sentencing investigation.

Payment for medical examinations for the victims of sexual assault by the law enforcement agency requesting the exam and, on request, the right to counseling regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for the sexual assault victims

Information, on request, about parole procedures, notification of parole proceedings and of the inmates release, and the right to participate in the parole process by submitting written information to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file for consideration by the Board prior to the parole.

Be present at all public court proceedings, with the presiding judge's consent

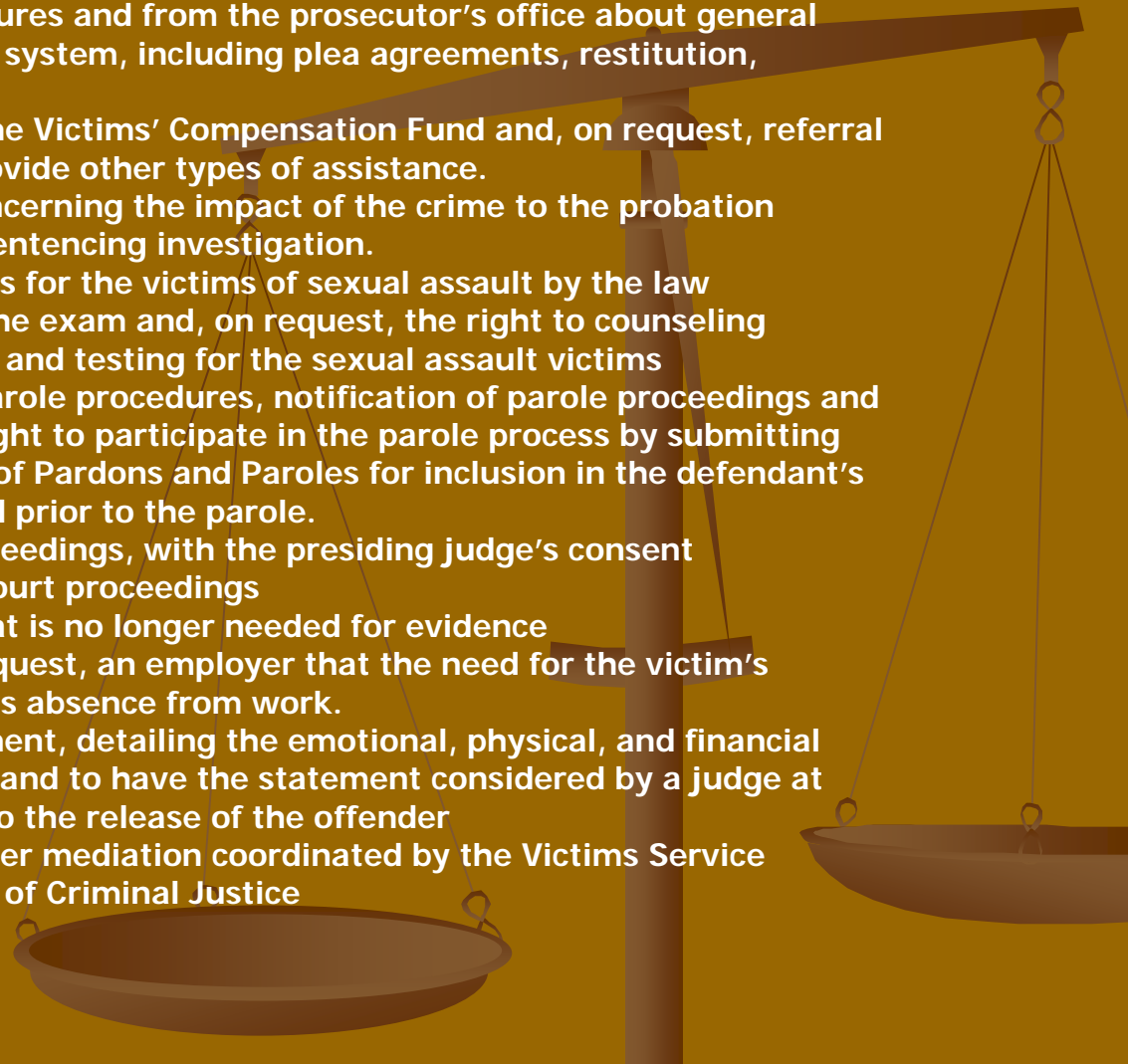
A safe waiting area at all public court proceedings

Prompt return of any property that is no longer needed for evidence

Have the prosecutor notify, on request, an employer that the need for the victim's testimony may involve the victim's absence from work.

Complete a victims impact statement, detailing the emotional, physical, and financial impact of the crime on the victim and to have the statement considered by a judge at sentencing and by officials prior to the release of the offender

The right to request victim offender mediation coordinated by the Victims Service Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice



Useful Hotline Numbers

Legal Hotline

1-800-622-2520

Texas Legal Aid

1-800-369-0574

Family Law

1-800-777-3247

Texas Association against Sexual
Assault

1-888-918-2272

Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-787-3224

Missing and Exploited Children

1-800-843-5678

Texas Runaway Hotline

1-888-580-4357

Texas Youth Hotline

1-800-210-2278

Texas Crime Stoppers

1-800-252-8477

TDCJ Victim Services

1-800-848-4284

Helpful Resources

- Burnet County Sheriff's Office 512-756-8080
- Burnet Police Department 512-756-6404
- Llano County Sheriff's Office 325-247-5050
- Llano Police Department 325-247-3028
- Bertram Police Department 512-355-2442
- Marble Falls Police Department 830-693-3611
- Horseshoe Bay Police Department 830-598-2633
- Cottonwood Shores Police Department 830-693-1410
- Granite Shoals Police Department 830-598-4818
- Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center 512-756-2607
- Family Crisis Center 830-693-3656
- Attorney Generals Office 1-800-983-9933
- Mother's Against Drunk Driving 1-800-777-6233

