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NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES There is help available!

The **Gallatin County Victim Services Program** will help you through the criminal justice process. The office is located in the Law and Justice Center, 615 South 16th, Room 313, Bozeman, MT 59715. Please call **406-582-2075** to make an appointment and with any questions you might have. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or by appointment.

Under Montana law you have a number of rights if you are a victim of a felony or misdemeanor offense involving actual, threatened or potential bodily injury, or if you are the relative of a child victim or homicide victim.

These rights include:

- 1) **Your right to information.** You will receive this notice of rights which includes the name and telephone number of the investigating officer (see below).
- 2) **Your right to prompt advance notification.** You can be notified of the arrest and release of the accused, the crime with which the accused has been charged, proceedings in the prosecution of the case, the function of a presentence investigation report, the date and time of a sentencing hearing and information from the Department of Corrections about the convicted person's incarceration.
- 3) Your right to confidentiality. If you request it, your address, telephone number or place of employment (as well as your identity if you are the victim of a sexual offense) may not be given to anyone except a criminal justice agency unless disclosure is the address of the crime scene, is required by law, necessary for law enforcement purposes or ordered by a district court.
- 4) **Your right to be heard.** You have the right to be consulted regarding dismissal of the case, release of the defendant, plea negotiations and pretrial diversion. You have the right to give a victim impact statement regarding the impact of the crime at the sentencing hearing.
- 5) Your right to receive restitution. Once convicted, the law requires the judge to order the defendant to pay full restitution, as long as the defendant has the ability to pay. Restitution includes stolen or damaged property costs, medical expenses, counseling, loss of income, funeral and burial costs, and expenses reasonably incurred in attending court proceedings and in obtaining ordinary or necessary services that you, the victim, would have performed if not injured.

With these rights come certain responsibilities. It is important that you cooperate fully with law enforcement and prosecution. Please keep Gallatin County Victim Services apprised of your current address and phone number. Call **406-582-2075** regularly to check on your case.

With your help, the system can work for everyone.

Victim's name							
Cell phone Other phone			Email				
Street			City		State	Zip	
Printed name of officer, Badge number and Agency		Date	Lav	Law Enforcement Case Number			
Type of crime			Suspect kno	wn: Yes	s 🗌 No		
Suspect charged/arrested/cite	ed: Yes No	Suspect's	name			// 	

If you are a victim of a violent crime, an advocate from the Gallatin County Victim Services will contact you regarding your case.

Advocates offer criminal justice advocacy, assistance with restitution, and referrals to community resources. If there is a criminal case, the advocates offer court support, notification of court proceedings and provide assistance with your case. For questions regarding these services, please contact **Victim Services at 406-582-2075**.

Orders of Protection: Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 40-15-102 you may have the right to request an Order of Protection (temporary or permanent). For more information regarding applying for an Order of Protection, please contact:

- For domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault related Orders of Protection, contact the HAVEN Legal Advocate @ 406-582-2038 or;
- Contact Self Help Law Center @ 406-582-2158 located at the Law and Justice Center or;
- Contact the Montana Attorney General's Office at https://dojmt.gov/victims/orders-of-protection/ or;
- For other civil legal issues, visit www.montanalawhelp.org.

It is important to keep Victim Services and/or the prosecutor's office updated with your preferred contact information to ensure our ability to keep you informed with regards to your case.

FREE Confidential Support Services & Resources

Help Center Sexual Assault Counseling Center 406.586.3333 (24-Hour)

FREE confidential counseling, advocacy & support for anyone impacted by sexual violence

HAVEN 406.586.4111 (24-Hour)

FREE confidential advocacy, support, safe housing, counseling, and legal advocacy for anyone impacted by interpersonal violence

VOICE Center 406.994.7069 (24-Hour call or text)

FREE confidential counseling, advocacy & support for members of the MSU community who have been impacted by interpersonal violence