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We have learned that you are a victim of a crime. The Victim Witness Unit at the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office provides assistance to victims to help lessen the loss and any inconveniences as a result of being victimized.

The Victim Witness Unit can help you apply for reimbursement of medical expenses and/or loss of earnings through the New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office. If you feel that you are in need of immediate support or counseling services, please contact Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV) for free and confidential services on their 24-hour bilingual helpline at (800) 225-0196.

Enclosed, please find information on resources available to you. For statewide information on additional resources, you can visit <https://njcasa.org/our-work/resources/>.

If you would like further information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Victim Witness Advocacy at (856) 453-0486, option 2.

Hemos aprendido que usted ha sido víctima de un crimen. La Unidad de Víctimas y Testigos en la oficina de Fiscalía en el Condado de Cumberland provee asistencia a las víctimas para ayudar a disminuir la pérdida y cualquier inconveniente como resultado de haber sido victimizados.

La Unidad de Víctimas y Testigos puede ayudarle a solicitar el reembolso de gastos médicos o pérdida de ganancias a través de la Junta de Compensación para Víctimas de Crímenes de Estado de New Jersey. Si siente que necesita servicios inmediatos de apoyo o asesoramiento, póngase en contacto con servicios que empoderan los derechos de las víctimas (SERV) servicios gratuitos y confidenciales y su línea de ayuda bilingüe disponible 24 horas al día al (800) 225-0196.

Adjunto, encontrará información sobre los recursos disponibles para usted. Para obtener información a nivel estatal sobre recursos adicionales, puede visitar <https://njcasa.org/our-work/resources/>.

Si desea obtener más información o tiene alguna pregunta, favor de contactar la Oficina de Apoyadores de Víctimas y Testigos al (856) 453-0486, opción 2.

Sincerely/Atentamente,
Office of Victim Witness Advocacy/La Oficina de Apoyadores de Víctimas y Testigos

Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-60.1 et seq.

In New Jersey, victims of sexual violence are afforded the following rights:

- (1) To have any allegation of sexual assault treated seriously; to be treated with dignity and compassion; and to be notified of existing medical, counseling, mental health, or other services available for victims of sexual assault, whether or not the crime is reported to law enforcement;
- (2) To be free, to the extent consistent with the New Jersey or United States Constitution, from any suggestion that victims are responsible for the commission of crimes against them or any suggestion that victims were contributorily negligent or assumed the risk of being assaulted;
- (3) To be free from any suggestion that victims are to report the crimes to be assured of any other guaranteed right and that victims should refrain from reporting crimes in order to avoid unwanted personal publicity;
- (4) When applicable, to no-cost access to the services of a sexual assault response team comprised of: a certified forensic nurse examiner, a confidential sexual violence advocate, and a law enforcement official as provided in accordance with the Attorney General's Standards for Providing Services to Victims of Sexual Assault, and the choice to opt into or out of any of the team's services;
- (5) To be informed of, and assisted in exercising, the right to be confidentially or anonymously tested for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or any other related virus identified as a probable causative agent of AIDS; and to be informed of, and assisted in exercising, any rights that may be provided by law to compel and disclose the results of testing of a sexual assault suspect for communicable diseases;
- (6) To have forensic medical evidence, if collected, retained for a minimum of five years, and to receive information about the status of the evidence upon request;
- (7) To choose whether to participate in any investigation of the assault;
- (8) To reasonable efforts to provide treatment and interviews in a language in which the victim is fluent and the right to be given access to appropriate assistive devices to accommodate disabilities that the victim may have, whether temporary or long term;
- (9) To information and assistance in accessing specialized mental health services; protection from further violence; other appropriate community or governmental services, including services provided by the Victims of Crime Compensation Office; and all other assistance available to crime victims under current law;
- (10) To be apprised of the availability and process by which a court may order the taking of testimony from a victim via closed circuit television in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1985, c.126 (C.2A:84A-32.4); and
- (11) To be apprised of the availability and process by which to seek protections through a temporary or final protective order under the "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015," P.L.2015, c.147 (C.2C:14-13 et seq.), if the victim believes that the victim is at risk for re-victimization or further harm by the perpetrator.



Declaración de Derechos de La Víctima de Agresión Sexual

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-60.1 et seq.

En Nueva Jersey a las víctimas de violencia sexual se les otorgan los siguientes derechos:

- (1) Que toda denuncia de agresión sexual sea tratada con seriedad; ser tratada/o con dignidad y compasión; y de ser notificada/o de servicios disponibles ya sean médicos, de consejería y asesoramiento, de salud mental, o de otros tipos disponibles para las víctimas de agresión sexual ya sea que se haya reportada el delito a las agencias del orden público o no.
- (2) De estar libres, en la medida compatible con la Constitución de Nueva Jersey o de Los Estados Unidos, de cualquier inferencia que las víctimas son las responsables por los delitos que se cometen en su contra o de alguna inferencia que las víctimas contribuyeron al delito por su negligencia o que asumido el riesgo de ser agredidas/os.
- (3) De estar libres de cualquier inferencia que las víctimas deben reportar los delitos para que se les asegure algún otro derecho garantizado y que las víctimas deben evitar reportar los delitos para evitar publicidad personal no deseada.
- (4) Cuando aplique, al acceso sin costo a los servicios de un equipo de respuesta a la agresión sexual comprendido por una enfermera examinadora forense certificada, un asesor confidencial de violencia sexual, y un oficial del orden público como lo indican los Estándares de la Oficina del Fiscal General para proveer servicios a las Víctimas de Agresión Sexual, y de tener la opción de participar o no con los servicios que provee el equipo y que usted escoja.
- (5) De que se le informe y que se le ayude a ejercer su derecho a obtener pruebas confidenciales para detectar el Síndrome de Inmunodeficiencia Adquirida (SIDA) o la infección con el Virus de Inmunodeficiencia Humana (VIH) o de cualquier otro virus relacionado e identificado como probable agente causante del SIDA; y de permanecer informada/o y recibir asistencia al ejercer cualquier derecho que le otorgue la ley para requerir y divulgar los resultados de pruebas que se le hayan hecho a un sospechoso de agresión sexual para detectar enfermedades transmisibles;
- (6) Que se guarden los resultados de las pruebas médicas forenses, si es que se han colectado, por un mínimo de cinco años, y de recibir información sobre la condición/estatus de las evidencias cuando la solicite.
- (7) Decidir si participar o no en la investigación de la agresión.
- (8) Que se hagan esfuerzos razonables para proveer tratamiento y entrevistas en el idioma en el que la víctima hable con fluidez y dar acceso a dispositivos de asistencia adecuados en relación a cualquier incapacidad que pueda tener la víctima ya sea temporal o a largo plazo;
- (9) A tener información y ayuda para poder tener acceso a servicios especializados de salud mental; a protección contra nuevos actos de violencia; a otros servicios apropiados ya sean comunitarios o gubernamentales, incluyendo los servicios proveídos por la Oficina de Compensación para Víctimas del Crimen; y toda otra ayuda disponible a víctimas de delitos conforme a las leyes vigentes.
- (10) De ser informada/o de la disponibilidad y el proceso por el cual un tribunal puede ordenar testimonio de una víctima a través de circuito cerrado de televisión conforme a la sección 1 de P.L. 1985, c.126 (C.2A:84A-32.4); y
- (11) De ser informada/o sobre la disponibilidad y el proceso para solicitar protección mediante una orden de alejamiento temporal o permanente conforme a “la Ley de protección a sobrevivientes de agresiones sexuales del 2015,” P.L.2015, c.147 (C.2C:14-13 et seq.), si la víctima cree que corre el riesgo de ser víctima de nuevo o de daño adicional por parte del autor.

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DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE





LAW & LEGISLATION

the sexual assault survivor protection act (SASPA)



The **Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act (SASPA)** expands opportunities for survivors of sexual violence to apply for a protective order against their perpetrator, without reporting to law enforcement or filing criminal charges. SASPA was passed into law in November 2015 and was enacted in May 2016.

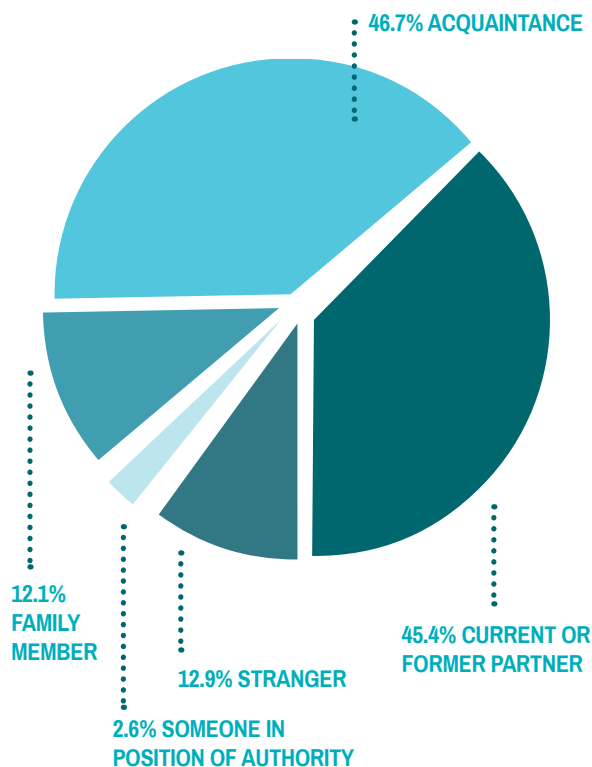
The vast majority of sexual violence survivors **know their perpetrator**. SASPA closed a legal loophole, where protective orders weren't available for survivors of sexual assault unless there was a charge or conviction.

WHAT IS A PROTECTIVE ORDER & WHAT DOES IT DO?

A protective order is a document issued by the court to help protect a survivor from a perpetrator and stop any further acts of violence or intimidating behaviors.

A protective order can shield survivors from:

- Further acts of violence
- Seeing a perpetrator (the person can be prevented from entering specific places that the survivor or their household members regularly frequent, such as work, home, or school)
- Future contact with their perpetrator (whether in-person, over the phone, or through another person)
- Stalking behaviors
- Harassment, including online harassment, of the survivor, their family members, or their employer/employees
- Any other relief the court deems appropriate



Data per the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2014. Results add up to over 100% to account for multiple perpetrators.

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The New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCSA) is the statewide organization representing 21 county-based rape crisis centers and Rutgers University's Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. NJCSA elevates the voices of survivors and service providers through advocacy, training, and support for efforts to create safer communities for all women, men and children.

WHAT IS A PROTECTIVE ORDER & WHAT DOES IT DO?

There are two types of protective orders: a temporary protective order (TPO) and a final protective order (FPO).

- A **temporary protective order** is the initial type of protective order survivors can receive. It protects

against the same kind of harassing behaviors as a final protective order, but it only remains in place until the final protective order hearing.

- A **final protective order** outlines harassing behaviors that cannot continue. It is forwarded to the police department where the survivor lives, as well as where the perpetrator lives. FPOs never expire, and are valid anywhere in New Jersey.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER SASPA?

Generally, survivors of sexual violence who are subjected to continued harassing behaviors from their abuser, who do not qualify for a domestic violence restraining order, can apply for a protective order under SASPA.

Survivors can apply for a protective order regardless of if the assault was reported to law enforcement.

If you feel you are in **immediate danger**, contact local law enforcement.

WHY MAY SOMEONE CHOOSE TO APPLY FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER?

Everyone's situation is unique and requesting a protective order is a decision only the survivor can make. For some, a protective order will end harmful behaviors. Others may feel a protective order could cause a perpetrator to escalate.

Protective order hearings can be stressful – it may not be the right decision for you at this time, or ever. **Every person has the right** to practice self-care and make decisions that are best for their own wellbeing.

▶ be prepared:

While a protective order will discourage many perpetrators from continuing harassing behavior, it is often one piece of a comprehensive plan for safety and well-being. Working with an advocate may help a survivor feel empowered to access other support systems.

HOW DO SURVIVORS APPLY FOR A TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER?

A person who is seeking a protective order may file in person at the Superior Court in their county. A list of courthouses in New Jersey is available at:

<https://www.njcasa.org/find-a-courthouse/>

The process may take several hours. You will need to provide a *specific and comprehensive* written statement to a hearing officer. Everything included in this statement can be brought up in the protective order hearing(s); anything not included *cannot be referenced in your testimony*.

It's important that the statement comprehensively details abusive or harassing behaviors and is specific. Include actual language the perpetrator used.

📱 example:

Rather than saying, "He texted me a lot," include detail, such as: "He texted me six times in one hour, threatening to release pictures of me."

There are no court fees associated with receiving a TPO. While a lawyer is not necessary to seek a PO, it may be helpful to speak to one or to contact an advocate. Your county-based sexual violence service provider can provide trained advocates to provide additional information, link you with resources, and offer emotional support; **find a program at:**

<https://www.njcasa.org/find-help>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.NJCASA.ORG/SASPA/](https://www.njcasa.org/saspa/)



How to File a New Jersey Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act (SASPA) Complaint Superior Court of New Jersey - Chancery Division - Family Part

****Please be advised this packet is intended to only be used during the COVID-19 crisis.****

Who Should Use This Packet?

This packet should only be used the **first time** you file for a Sexual Assault Survivor Protective Order.

Use this packet if you are:

A victim of nonconsensual sexual contact, sexual penetration, or lewdness, (see definitions on page 3) or any attempt at such conduct, and who does **not** meet the definition of a “domestic violence victim” in the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act (PDVA).

- A victim's parent or guardian may file on behalf of the victim in any case in which the victim:
 - is less than 18 years of age; or
 - has a developmental disability or a mental disease or defect that renders the victim temporarily or permanently incapable of understanding the nature of the victim’s conduct, including, but not limited to, being incapable of providing consent

Do NOT use this packet if:

- You meet the definition of a “victim” under the PDVA - N.J.S.A. 2C:25-19 (d)(a) which is as follows:
 - A person protected by the PDVA includes any person:
 - **Who** is 18 years of age or older, **or** who is an emancipated minor, and who has been subjected to domestic violence by:
 - ❖ Spouse
 - ❖ Former spouse
 - ❖ Any other person who is a present household member or was at any time a household member, or
 - **Who, regardless of age**, has been subjected to domestic violence by a person:
 - ❖ With whom the victim has a child in common, or
 - ❖ With whom the victim anticipates having a child in common, if one of the parties is pregnant, or has been subjected to domestic violence by a person with whom the victim has had a dating relationship.

NOTE: If you are a victim of domestic violence and want to file for a domestic violence restraining order, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

- If you are filing on behalf of a minor child and the person you are filing against is a parent or guardian of the minor child, you cannot file under the Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act. You must call the Division of Permanency and Protection at: 1-877 NJ ABUSE (1-877-652-2873); TTY/TDD 1-800-835-5510

Note: These materials have been prepared by the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts for use by self-represented litigants. The guides, instructions, and forms will be periodically updated as necessary to reflect current New Jersey statutes and court rules. The most recent version of the forms will be available at the county courthouse or on the Judiciary’s Internet site njcourts.gov. However, you are ultimately responsible for the content of your court papers.

Completed forms are to be submitted to your local Family Division. A list of Family Division Offices can be found on njcourts.gov

Things to Think About Before You Represent Yourself in Court

Try to Get a Lawyer

The law, the proofs necessary to present your case, and the procedural rules governing cases in the Family Division are complex. It is recommended that you make every effort to obtain the assistance of a lawyer. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may contact the legal services program in your county to see if you qualify for free legal services. Their telephone number can be found online under “Legal Aid” or “[Legal Services](#).”

If you do not qualify for free legal services and need help in locating an attorney, you can contact the bar association in your county. The telephone number can also be found in your local yellow pages. Most county bar associations have a [Lawyer Referral Service](#).

The County Bar Lawyer Referral Service can supply you with the names of attorneys in your area willing to handle your particular type of case and will sometimes consult with you at a reduced fee.

There are a variety of organizations of minority lawyers throughout New Jersey, as well as organizations of lawyers who handle specialized types of cases. Ask the Family court staff in your county for a list of lawyer referral services that include these organizations.

What You Should Expect If You Represent Yourself

While you have the right to represent yourself in court, you should not expect special treatment, help or attention from the court. The following is a list of some things court staff can and cannot do for you. Please read it carefully before asking court staff for help.

- We *can* explain and answer questions about how the court works.
- We *can* tell you what the requirements are to have your case considered by the court.
- We *can* give you some information from your case file.
- We *can* provide you with samples of court forms that are available.
- We *can* provide you with guidance on how to fill out forms.
- We *can* usually answer questions about court deadlines.
- We *cannot* give you legal advice. Only your lawyer can give you legal advice.
- We *cannot* tell you whether or not you should bring your case to court.
- We *cannot* give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.
- We *cannot* recommend a lawyer, but we can provide you with the telephone number of a local lawyer referral service.
- We *cannot* not talk to the judge for you about what will happen in your case.
- We *cannot* let you talk to the judge outside of court.
- We *cannot* change an order issued by a judge.

Keep Copies of All Papers

Make and keep copies for yourself, written agreements, Case Information Statements, and other important papers that relate to your case

Definitions of Court Terms Used in SASPA Cases

Certification - A *certification* is a written statement made to the court when you file papers with the court, swearing that the information contained in the filed papers is true subject to penalty if any statement is willfully false.

Complaint - A *complaint* is a formal document filed in court that starts a case. It typically includes the names of the parties and the issues you are asking the court to decide.

Court Order - A *court order* is the written decision issued by a court of law. For example, a child support court order sets forth how often, how much, and what kind of support is to be paid.

Defendant - the party sued in a civil lawsuit or the party charged with a crime in a criminal prosecution. In some types of cases (such as divorce) a defendant may be called a respondent.

Docket Number - The *docket number* is the identifying number assigned to every case filed in the court.

File - To *file* means to give the appropriate forms to the court to begin the court's consideration of your request.

Intimate Parts - Means the following body parts: sexual organs, genital area, anal area, inner thigh, groin, buttock, or breast of a person.

Lewdness - Means the exposing of the genitals for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual of the actor.

Party - A *party* is a person, business, or governmental agency involved in a court action.

Petitioner - *Petitioner* is another name for the person starting the court action by filing the appropriate papers the court will consider.

Respondent - *Respondent* is the person who is named as the other party in the court action filed by the petitioner. This person can respond to the complaint or application filed by the petitioner by filing a cross application or written response with the court.

Sexual Conduct - Means an intentional touching by the victim or actor, either directly or through clothing, of the victim's or actor's intimate parts for the purpose of degrading or humiliating the victim or sexually arousing or sexually gratifying the actor.

Sexual Penetration - Means vaginal intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, or anal intercourse between persons or insertion of the hand, finger, or object into the anus or vagina either by the actor or upon the actor's instruction.

The numbered steps listed below tell you what forms you will need to fill out and what to do with them. Each form should be typed or printed clearly on 8 ½ “x 11” white paper only. Forms cannot be filed on a different size or color paper. Use only the forms included in this packet. Be sure to keep a copy for your records.

Steps for Filing a Complaint

STEP 1: Fill out the Intake Form (Form A)

The Intake form provides your and/or the minor child’s demographic information. This information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with the defendant.

STEP 2: Fill out the *Verified Complaint* (Form B)

The *Verified Complaint* is a written request in which you ask the court to establish a court order on your behalf or on a minor child’s behalf. The court will establish an order based on testimony of the parties and written documentation submitted.

STEP 3: Additional Information Sheet (FORM C)

This form is provided if you need additional space to type the details of the incident for which you are filing for a protective order.

STEP 4: Provide the court with the most recent address of the other party

If the court grants a temporary order of protection, the court will send a Notice to Appear to the plaintiff and the defendant and any attorney(s) connected to your case when the case is scheduled for a final hearing. Your appearance is **mandatory**.

Note: The other party will receive copies of all the papers you attach (except for the Intake Form) to your complaint with the Notice to Appear, unless court rules prohibit this information from being shared.

You must provide the court with the most current address (that you know of) for the other party and the name of their attorney (if you know it) when you file your complaint.

STEP 5: Check your completed forms and make copies

Check your forms and make sure they are complete. Remove all instruction sheets. Make sure you have signed all the forms wherever necessary.

STEP 6: Submit your completed paperwork

Submit your completed packet through the Judiciary Electronic Document System (JEDS). You may find the link to JEDS here <https://www.njcourts.gov/selfhelp/jeds.html>. In JEDS please select the county where you would like to file your application. You may file your complaint in the county where the conduct or attempted conduct occurred, where the defendant resides, or where you reside or are sheltered.

NOTE:

These applications may only be filed in the Family Division of the Superior Court during normal business hours.

These applications may only be taken at the Superior Court and are not to be accepted at Municipal Courts and/or police departments.

All courthouse addresses can be found on njcourts.gov.

Instructions for Completing the SASPA Intake Form (Form A)

1. Part I of the SASPA Intake form is for the Plaintiff/Victim information. If you are the victim, enter your own information or if you are a parent or guardian enter the minor child's information for the following fields:
 - a. Name
 - b. Social security number
 - c. Date of birth
 - d. Address
 - e. Telephone number
 - f. Cell phone number
 - g. Email Address
 - h. Employer name
 - i. Employer address
 - j. Employer telephone number
 - k. Emergency Contact
 - l. Emergency Contact telephone number

2. If you are filing on behalf of a minor child, enter complete the following fields on the second portion of the intake form under Parent/Guardian section.
 - a. Name
 - b. Relation to the child
 - c. Social security number
 - d. Date of birth
 - e. Address
 - f. Telephone number
 - g. Cell phone number
 - h. Email Address
 - i. Employer name
 - j. Employer address
 - k. Employer telephone number

NOTE: The Intake Form (FORM A) will be kept confidential and will not be given to the other party/defendant.

Instructions for Completing a Verified Complaint (Form B)

- A. Leave the *Docket Number* blank. The court will provide this number for you.
- B. On the right side of the form, enter the *County* where you are filing the application.
- C. Enter your name or the minor's name, if you are filing a complaint on the behalf of a minor child, in the space marked "*Plaintiff/Victim*".
- D. If you are filing on behalf of a minor child, enter your name in the space marked "*Plaintiff/Parent/Guardian*".
- E. Enter your date of birth or the minor's date of birth in the space marked "*Plaintiff/Victim's Date of Birth*".
- F. Enter your date of birth if you are filing on behalf of a minor child in the space marked "*Plaintiff/Parent/Guardian Date of Birth*".
- G. On the right side of the form, enter the defendant's description if known in the following fields:
 - a. Defendant's sex
 - b. Defendant's race
 - c. Defendant's date of birth
 - d. Defendant's height
 - e. Defendant's weight
 - f. Defendant's eye color
 - g. Defendant's hair color
 - h. Any distinguishing features that the defendant may have such as scars, tattoos, facial hair etc.
 - i. Defendant's driver's license number and the state it was issued if known.
- H. Enter the Defendant's name in the space marked "*Defendant Information: Name:*".
- I. Enter the Defendant's "*home and cell phone number*", "*work phone number*", "*social security number*" "*e-mail address*" and "*home and work address*" in the appropriately marked spaces on the form.
- J. Enter the date the defendant committed the act in the space marked "*ON (Date)*".
- K. Enter the time the defendant committed the act in the space marked "*AT (Time)*".
- L. Enter the details of the act(s) the defendant committed in the space marked "*BY (Details)*". You can continue to use as many lines as necessary to state the exact details of the act(s) the defendant committed against you or minor child.
- M. Check off the act or acts the defendant committed: "*Sexual Contact, Sexual Penetration, Lewdness*". See definitions of each act in the definitions section of this packet.
- N. Answer "*Yes*" or "*No*" on Question 1 regarding prior or pending court proceedings involving yourself, if

you are the plaintiff/victim, or the minor plaintiff/victim, and the defendant in this complaint. If you select “*Yes*”, enter the title of the case, the docket number and the county and state where the case is being heard.

- O. Answer “*Yes*” or “*No*” on Question 2 regarding whether a criminal complaint has been filed in this matter. If you select “*Yes*”, enter the date, docket number and the county and state where the case is being heard.
- P. The form must have the signature of the party filing the complaint. If you cannot scan a signed copy of this document, please type your name in the signature line.



New Jersey Judiciary

Sexual Assault Survivors Protection Act (SASPA) Intake Form

To assure accuracy of court records – To be filled out by the Plaintiff or Attorney
Confidentiality of this information must be maintained

Please complete the entire form, leaving no blank spaces. If something does not apply to you, enter "N/A". This form is confidential and will not be shared with the other party.

I. Victim Information

Name: Last		First	Middle Initial
Social Security Number		Date of Birth	
Address: Street		City	State Zip Code
Telephone Number		Cell Phone Number	
Email Address			
Employer Name			
Employer Address: Street		City	State Zip Code
Employer Telephone Number			
Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Telephone Number	

II. Parent/Guardian Information

Name: Last		First	Middle Initial
Relation to the Child		Social Security Number	Date of Birth
Address: Street		City	State Zip Code
Telephone Number		Cell Phone Number	
Email Address			
Employer Name			
Employer Address: Street		City	State Zip Code
Employer Telephone Number			
Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Telephone Number	

III. Hearing Information

Will an interpreter be required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, indicate language: _____		
Will an accommodation for a disability be required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, indicate requested accommodation: _____		

New Jersey Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act Complaint

_____ County, Superior Court,
Chancery Division, Family Part

Docket Number
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Plaintiff/Victim _____ Plaintiff/Victim's Date of Birth _____

Plaintiff/Parent/Guardian of Minor Plaintiff/Victim _____

Plaintiff/Parent/Guardian of Minor Plaintiff/Victim Date of Birth _____

Defendant Information: Name _____

Home Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____ Defendant's Social Security Number _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Defendant's Sex _____ Defendant's Race _____

Date of Birth _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Eye Color _____ Hair Color _____

Distinguishing Features (Scars, Facial Hair, Etc.) _____

Driver's License Number _____

State _____ Driver's License Expiration Date _____

Home Address _____

Work Address _____

The undersigned complains that said defendant did commit the following act(s):

ON (Date)	AT (Time)	BY (Details)

The above constitute(s) the following criminal offenses(s): (Check all applicable boxes – see page 3 of instructions):

Sexual Contact Sexual Penetration Lewdness

Attempted Sexual Contact Attempted Sexual Penetration Attempted Lewdness

1. Any prior or pending court proceedings involving this plaintiff/victim and defendant? (If Yes, enter docket number, court, county, state) Yes No

2. Has a criminal complaint been filed in this matter? (If Yes, enter date, docket number, court, county, state) Yes No

If yes, was a Restraining Order granted? Yes No

Certification by Parent/Guardian

I, _____ am the parent or legal guardian of minor victim, _____ and am filing this complaint on their behalf. The minor victim is not present for the following reason(s):

Certification by Plaintiff/Victim

I certify that the foregoing responses made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing responses made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

_____ Date _____ Signature



New Jersey Judiciary
Family Practice Division
Additional Information Sheet

Full Name: _____

Date: _____

Lined area for entering additional information.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment

Date _____

Signature Plaintiff/Counterclaimant _____



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VICTIMS OF CRIME
COMPENSATION OFFICE

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our mission

The New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) reimburses certain victims of crime for some of the expenses they suffer as a result of a crime. The VCCO is mindful of the special needs of victims and their right to be treated with fairness, compassion and respect.

eligible crimes

This is a list of the types of crimes that may qualify. Certain conditions may apply. For more information, please contact the VCCO:

- Assault
- Arson
- Bias crime
- Burglary*
- Disorderly conduct offenses
- Domestic violence
- Human trafficking
- Indecent acts with children
- Kidnapping
- Lewd, indecent or obscene acts
- Manslaughter
- Motor vehicle offenses
- Murder
- Robbery
- Sexual assault
- Stalking
- Threats to do bodily harm

**Must be in structure during burglary.*

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conditions

- The crime must have occurred in New Jersey or to a New Jersey resident
- The victim must have reported the crime to police
- The victim should cooperate with the investigation and prosecution of the crime, if reasonable
- The claim must be filed within 5 years of the date of the crime in most cases

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If I qualify, what can the VCCO pay?

Expenses that may be eligible for reimbursement include:

- Hospital, physician and medical expenses
- Mental health counseling expenses up to \$20,000
- Loss of earnings up to \$600 per week
 - Temporary disability, not to exceed 24 months
 - Permanent disability, maximum 60 months
 - Loss of earning for dependants or family members
 - Bereavement, maximum two weeks
 - Loss of wages due to court attendance
- Loss of financial support up to \$600 per week, maximum 48 months
- Funeral expenses maximum \$7,500
- Attorney fees:
 - Victims' rights attorney fees up to \$275 per hour, maximum \$10,000
 - Representation with the VCCO claim up to 15% of award at \$275 per hour
- Relocation expenses up to \$3,000
- Crime scene clean up to \$4,000
- Child care/day care/domestic help services up to \$6,500

The VCCO is a payer of last resort

- Victims must first utilize and exhaust other resources including State benefits and insurance.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Crime Victims' Compensation?

The Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) reimburses victims of a crime for some of the expenses they incur as a result of a crime.

Do all crime victims get paid?

Not always. The law sets forth the types of crimes that can be covered by the VCCO. Further, if victims participated in the crime or contributed to their injuries, they may be denied compensation.

Who is eligible to file?

- Victims may file their own applications.
- Family members, and dependents of victims or the estate of the victims
- A person who paid for some of the services for the victim
- The guardian, guardian ad litem, estate representative, authorized agent of the victim or the victim's dependents

Can the VCCO reimburse me directly for expenses?

Yes. Victims or claimants can be reimbursed for some expenses.

Can I still file a claim if the suspect has not been arrested or if the accused is acquitted at trial?

Yes. Compensation may be made whether or not a person is prosecuted or found guilty.

Can the VCCO pay providers directly?

Yes. Once a claim is approved, payment can be made directly to providers.

I have received additional bills that were not considered in my initial award. Can I still submit them?

Yes. Crime related bills can be considered for additional reimbursement after the initial payment award has been made.

How do I apply?

Complete the online VCCO claim form at www.njvictims.org. Include police reports and any documentation showing financial loss or need if possible. Once an application is received, a claims specialist will contact you.

Applications are also available from any of the 21 County Prosecutors' Offices through their Victim Witness Coordinators.

For more information or for a claim application, please contact us by phone, mail, fax, or visit our web site.

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PARA VÍCTIMAS DEL CRIMEN

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La Oficina de Compensación para Víctimas del Crimen de Nueva Jersey (VCCO) reembolsa a ciertas víctimas del crimen por algunos de los gastos que incurren a causa de un crimen. La VCCO reconoce las necesidades especiales de las víctimas y el derecho que tienen de ser tratadas con justicia, compasión y respeto.

Crímenes elegibles

Esta es una lista de los tipos de crímenes que pueden calificar. Pueden aplicar ciertas condiciones. Para mayor información, favor contactar a la VCCO:

- Agresión
- Incendio provocado
- Discriminación
- Allanamiento*
- Ofensas de comportamiento escandaloso
- Violencia Domestica
- Trata de personas
- Actos indecentes con menores
- Secuestro
- Actos lascivos, obscenos o indecentes
- Homicidio Culposo
- Ofensas de vehículos motorizados
- Asesinato
- Robo con violencia
- Agresión Sexual
- Acecho
- Amenazas de lesión corporal

*Debe encontrarse en el edificio durante la comisión del crimen

aplique en línea en:

requisitos

- El crimen tiene que haber ocurrido en Nueva Jersey o a un residente de Nueva Jersey
- La víctima debe haber reportado el crimen a la policía
- La víctima debe cooperar con la investigación y el procesamiento del crimen, si es factible
- El reclamo debe ser presentado dentro de un plazo de 5 años de la fecha del crimen en la mayoría de los casos

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¿Si califico, que puede pagar la VCCO?

Gastos que pueden ser elegibles para reembolso incluyen:

- Gastos de Hospital, de médicos y gastos médicos
- Asesoría de Salud Mental gastos de hasta \$20,000
- Pérdida de ingresos de hasta \$600 a la semana
 - Discapacidad Temporal, a no exceder 24 meses
 - Discapacidad Permanente, máximo 60 meses
 - Perdida de ingresos de dependientes o miembros de familia
 - Duelo, máximo dos semanas
 - Perdida de ingresos por asistir al tribunal
- Perdida de apoyo económico de \$600 semanales, máximo 48 meses
- Gastos de funeral hasta \$7,500
- Honorarios de Abogados:
 - Honorarios de abogados de derechos de las victimas hasta \$275 por hora, máximo \$10,000
 - Representación con el reclamo VCCO de hasta el 15% de la compensación en \$275 por hora
- Gastos de Reubicación de hasta \$3,000
- Limpieza lugar del crimen hasta \$4,000
- Cuidado Infantil/Guardería servicios domésticos hasta \$6,500

La VCCO es pagador de último recurso

- Las victimas primero deberán utilizar y agotar otros recursos incluyendo el seguro y los beneficios del estado.

Preguntas frecuentes

¿Qué es la Compensación para víctimas del crimen?

La Oficina para compensación para víctimas del crimen (VCCO) reembolsa a las víctimas de un crimen por algunos de los gastos que tuvieron como resultado de un crimen.

¿Se le paga a todas las victimas del crimen?

No siempre. La ley establece los tipos de crímenes que cubre la VCCO. Además, si las victimas participaron en el crimen o contribuyeron a sus lesiones, se le puede negar la compensación.

¿Quién es elegible para solicitar?

- Las victimas pueden presentar sus propias solicitudes.
- Miembros de familia y dependientes de las víctimas o el caudal hereditario de la víctima
- Una persona que haya pagado por algunos de los servicios que recibió la víctima
- El tutor, tutor legal, representante del caudal hereditario, agente autorizado de la víctima o de los dependientes de la víctima

¿Puede la VCCO reembolsarme directamente por gastos?

Sí. A las víctimas o reclamantes de les puede reembolsar por algunos gastos.

¿Puedo presentar un reclamo si el sospechoso aún no ha sido arrestado o si queda absuelto luego de un juicio?

Sí. La compensación puede otorgarse ya sea que la persona sea enjuiciada o determinada culpable o no.

¿La VCCO puede Pagarles directamente a los proveedores de servicios?

Sí. Una vez sea aprobado el reclamo, el pago puede hacerse directamente a los proveedores de servicios.

He recibido facturas adicionales que no se consideraron en mi otorgamiento inicial.

¿Aún puedo presentarlas?

Sí. Se pueden considerar cuentas relacionadas con el crimen para reembolso adicional luego del otorgamiento inicial

¿Cómo presento la solicitud?

Llene el formulario VCCO en línea en www.njvictims.org. Incluya informes de la policia y cualquier prueba que muestre pérdidas económicas o necesidad si es posible. Una vez recibamos su solicitud, un especialista en reclamos le atenderá.

También hay solicitudes disponibles en cada una de las 21 Oficinas del Procurador del Condado a través de su Coordinador Victima/Testigo.

Para más información o para pedir una solicitud de reclamo, favor contactarnos por teléfono, correo, fax, o visite nuestro sitio web.

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 NJ Department of Corrections www.state.nj.us/corrections
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 NJ State Police Sex Offender Registry www.nj.gov/njsp/info/reg_sexoffend.html

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 3600 E. Landis Ave., Unit 24, Vineland 856-696-2032
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Peaceful Tomorrows 27 S. East Blvd., Vineland 856-212-3308

CGS Family Support Organization www.cgscmo.org
 3739 N. Delsea Dr. Vineland 856-507-9400

Monarch Family Success Center of Vineland 856-507-7840
 1038 E. Chestnut Ave., Suite 235 Vineland www.nj.gov/dcffamilies/support/success

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 27 S. East Blvd., Vineland www.danielsdencc.org

NJ Mental Healthcare Helpline 1-866-202-4357 njmentalhealthcares.org

Oaks Integrated Care Urgent Care Mental Health 856-537-2310

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 275 N. Delsea Dr., #1A, Vineland

Division of Child Protection and Permanency 1-877-652-2873

Parents Anonymous of NJ 1-800-843-5437

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www.hud.gov/states/new_jersey/homeless/shelters/cumberland

South Jersey Legal Services 1-800-496-4570

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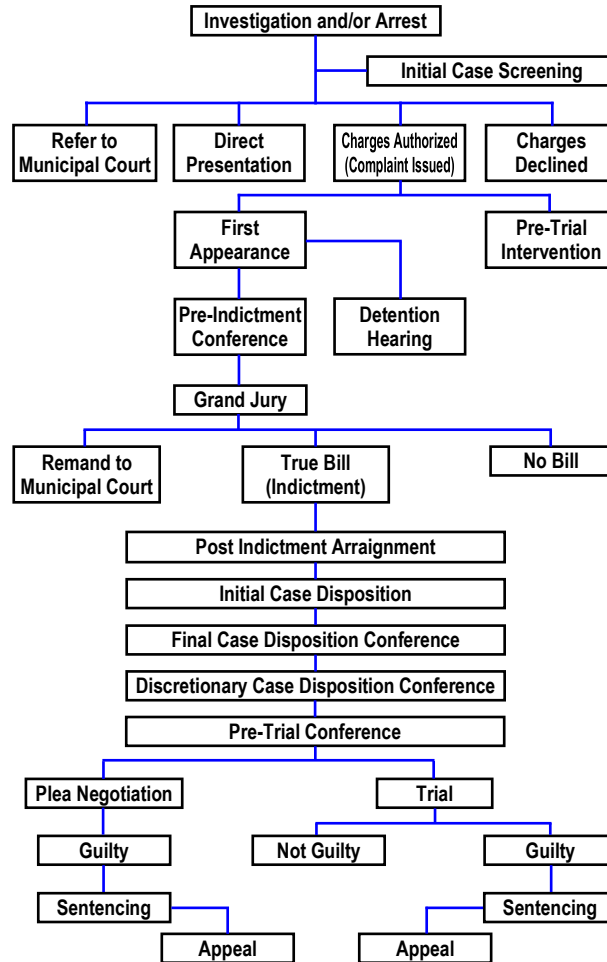
Vineland Police Department 856-691-4111

New Jersey State Police 856-451-0101

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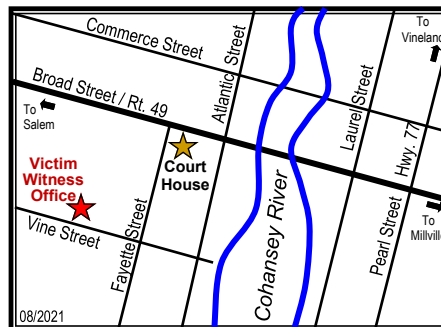
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The Criminal Case Process



LOCATION:

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FREQUENT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Assistant Prosecutor: A lawyer employed by the county prosecutor's office to prosecute criminal cases for the State of New Jersey.

Public Defender: A lawyer employed by the State of New Jersey to represent indigent defendants accused of a crime.

Complaint: Initial formal document charging defendant with a crime.

First Appearance Hearing: Once a complaint is issued, defendants are either arrested or issued a summons or notice to appear in Superior Court on a first appearance. At the First Appearance incarcerated defendants can be released subject to conditions set by the court or held without bail because the state is seeking to detain the defendant without bail until trial. First Appearance hearings are held within 24 - 48 hours of arrest or issuance of a warrant complaint for incarcerated defendants.

Pre-Indictment Conference: Court hearing date provided at First Appearance. The hearing is an opportunity for the assistant prosecutor to discuss with the defense attorney potential pre-indictment case resolutions (guilty plea).

Grand Jury: A 23-person jury that hears evidence presented by an assistant prosecutor to determine whether or not there is a sufficient basis for a formal charge to be issued.

Indictment: a formal written charge made by a grand jury. An indictment is NOT proof of guilt.

Post-Indictment Arraignment: This is the first appearance made by the defendant before Superior Court Judge after indictment. The assistant prosecutor will advise the defendant of the indictment. The defendant, through his/her attorney will enter a guilty or not guilty plea. This hearing will be held 14 days after indictment.

Status Conferences: There are two status conferences hearings, with the possible exception of a third conference at the judge's discretion. The first status conference is called the Initial Case Disposition Conference; the second conference is called the Final Case Disposition Conference; and the third, the Discretionary Case Disposition Conference. These hearings are public hearings where the defendant and his/her lawyer and an assistant prosecutor appear before a Superior Court Judge.

Plea Negotiation: a process in which the assistant prosecutor and the defendant, through his/her attorney, attempt to reach a plea agreement in which the defendant agrees to plead guilty to some or all of the charges.

Pre-Trial Conferences: the court will schedule this after discovery is complete, motions have been decided and all reasonable efforts to dispose of the case without trial have been made. This is the phase where a date for trial will be set.

Jury: a group of twelve citizens selected to hear evidence relating to the charges stated in the indictment.

Sentencing: the disposition/punishment phase of the criminal matter before a Superior Court Judge. A sentence can include prison, probation, restitution, community service, mental health counseling, fines & penalties, or any combination of these. This is the phase where a victim has the opportunity to address the court with a Victim Impact Statement.

Victim Impact Statement: a statement, either written or oral, made by the victim describing how the crime has affected his/her life.

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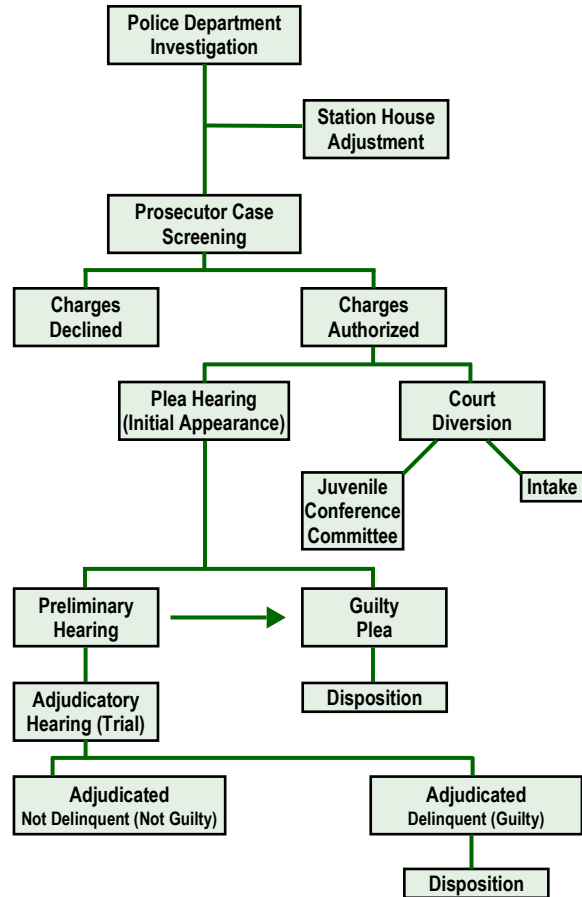
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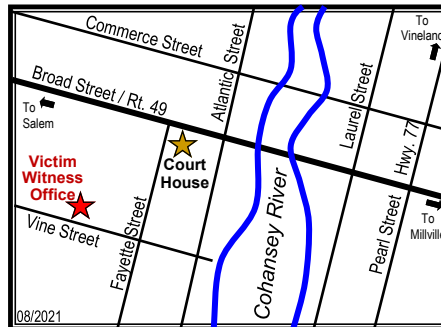
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The Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office is responsible for the prosecution of juvenile offenses. In coordination with the Family Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey, all juvenile delinquency complaints are screened and prosecuted in the county where the juvenile resides.

Juvenile matters are confidential and move rather quickly through the justice system. To ensure your victim rights are protected, it is important to communicate with the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

Juvenile Delinquency: an act committed by someone under the age of 18, that would be a crime, a disorderly persons offense, a petty disorderly persons offense or a violation of a regulation or a municipal ordinance, if committed by an adult.

GOALS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- To ensure public safety
- To rehabilitate the juvenile
- To hold the juvenile accountable for his/her actions

STEPS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE PROCESS

Detention: Juveniles who are charged with serious offenses, or who cannot be relied on to voluntarily appear at future court dates may be held in detention while awaiting adjudication. Admission to the detention facility must be approved by family court intake. Juveniles do not have a right to a bail.

Detention Review Hearing: If a juvenile is incarcerated, his/her situation is reviewed within 24 hours to determine if he/she should be released or held. If the juvenile is remanded back to detention, the matter is heard again within 48 hours with an attorney.

Plea Hearing: The juvenile will enter a plea of guilty or not guilty. If the juvenile chooses to plead guilty, the judge may proceed immediately to the disposition (sentencing) phase of the case.

Disposition: Once a juvenile has pled guilty or is found guilty, the court must determine the appropriate disposition for the juvenile. This can be done immediately or, if the judge feels there are extenuating circumstances, disposition can be deferred until a pre-disposition report has been completed.

Pre-Disposition Report (PDR): A confidential report prepared by the Probation Department for the judge to use in deciding upon an appropriate disposition for a juvenile. A PDR can include the juvenile's background, offense information, a Victim Impact Statement, and other material required to determine disposition.

Preliminary Hearing: If, at the plea hearing, the juvenile pled "not guilty", a preliminary hearing will be scheduled. At this time, the juvenile has an opportunity to plead guilty to the offense. If the juvenile chooses not to plead guilty, the case will go forward to adjudication (trial) or the judge may schedule additional hearings if necessary. If the juvenile chooses to plead guilty at this stage, the judge may immediately proceed to the disposition phase of the case.

Adjudication Hearing: This is the presentation of the case to the judge for a determination of guilty or innocence. At the conclusion of the hearing, or as soon thereafter as the judge can reach a decision, the verdict will be announced. If there is a "not guilty" verdict, the juvenile will be free to leave without any disposition. If there is a "guilty" verdict, the judge may proceed immediately to disposition or request a PDR be prepared.

No Contact Provision: This may be ordered to keep the juvenile from having harassing or unwanted contact with the victim.

Restitution: Requires that the juvenile offender compensate the victim for stolen or damaged property, medical bills or other expenses due to the offense.

JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS

There is a varied range of dispositions in the juvenile justice system. A list and description of some possible dispositions are as follows:

Station House Adjustment: An alternative method that police departments may use to handle juvenile offenders who have committed minor juvenile delinquency offenses in their jurisdiction.

Juvenile Conference Committee/Intake Service Committee (JCC/ISC): Diversionary programs that allow a juvenile to resolve his/her charges without a formal adjudication of delinquency. These diversionary programs are only an option when a juvenile has no prior criminal history. If the juvenile successfully complies with the recommendations of the diversionary program, the charges are dismissed. If the juvenile does not comply, the case is referred to court for adjudication.

Deferred Disposition/Under the Statute: A court supervised diversionary program available to adjudicated juveniles. It includes a period of probation supervision and court imposed conditions. If a juvenile is compliant with conditions and there are no subsequent acts of juvenile delinquency, the charges will be dismissed.

Probation: A court ordered supervision program to monitor a juvenile's compliance with court imposed conditions, such as community service, substance abuse treatment and payment of fines/restitution.

Field Program: Long-term residential programs run by the Juvenile Justice Commission which may be ordered under appropriate circumstances to address mental health or behavioral issues.

Jamesburg: The New Jersey State Prison for juvenile offenders.

Waiver to Criminal Court: The process by which a juvenile is transferred to the criminal court for prosecution as an adult.

Dismissal: The charges against the juvenile are dismissed on a motion of the assistant prosecutor or decision of a judge.



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Wellness Clinic: STD/HIV Testing & Treatment
<http://www.co.cumberland.nj.us/ccdoh>
1 East Vine Street (2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month)
Millville, NJ 08332

(856) 327-7602, ext. 7144

30 Magnolia Avenue (1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday of each month)
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Complete Care Health Network
<https://completecarenj.org/services/hiv-services/>
Population Health – HIV Testing & Treatment, PrEP counseling
Office of Care Management

(856) 452-0003, ext. 2727 & ext. 2900

SAFETY ASSESSMENT/PLANNING SERVICES

Protection from Abuse
<https://protectionfromabuse.org/>

(856) 803-9494

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<https://fyofoundation.org/>

1-833-396-4357

STATE

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence (NCEDV) http://www.njcedv.org/	(609) 584-8107
New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault https://njcasa.org/	(609) 631-4450
Victims of Crime Compensation Office www.njvictims.org	1-877-658-2221/1-973-648-2107
New Jersey Child Abuse Hotline www.nj.gov/dcf	1-877-652-2873
Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-572-7233
Statewide Sexual Violence Hotline	1-800-601-7200
NJ Human Trafficking Hotline	1-855-363-6548

FEDERAL/NATIONAL

National Domestic Violence Hotline www.thehotline.org	1-800-799-7233
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National Human Trafficking Hotline https://humantraffickinghotline.org	1-888-373-7888
National Center for Victims of Crime http://victimsofcrime.org	1-202-467-8700
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Office for Victims of Crime https://ovc.gov	
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National Sexual Violence Resource Center https://www.nsvrc.org/	1-877-739-3895
National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline https://www.loveisrespect.org/	1-866-331-9474

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- Pet advocacy

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- grupos de apoyo y asesoría;
- alojamiento seguro las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana para las víctimas y sus hijos;
- alcance comunitario;
- Defensoría legal;
- Defensa de mascotas

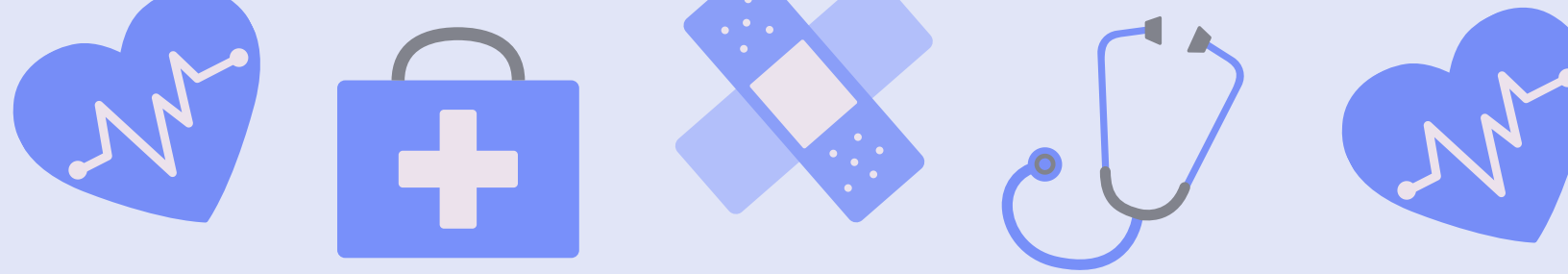
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