Emergency Numbers

Emergency	**911**
VINE (Victim Notification)	**877 331-8463**
Women's Crisis Support /Defensa de Mujeres	**685-3737**
Walnut Ave. Women's Center	**866 269-2559**
Suicide Prevention	**458-5300**
Youth Services	**425-0771**

Local Resources

Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office	**454-2400**
Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital	**462-7700**
Watsonville Community Hospital	**724-4741**
Walnut Ave. Women's Center	**426-3062**
Women's Crisis Support/Defensa de Mujeres **425-4030**	**722-4532**
Santa Cruz City Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women	**420-6298**
UCSC Rape Prevention Education	**459-2721**
Santa Cruz Police Dept. Victim Advocate	**420-5827**
County Mental Health Hotline	**800-952-2335**
Victim Witness Assistance Program **454-2010**	**768-6500**
Child Protective Services	**454-4222**
Adult Protective Services	**454-4101**
Survivors Healing Center	**423-7601**

California Statewide and National Resources

California Attorney General's Victim Services Unit **1-877- 433-9069** www.ag.ca.gov/victimservices

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Office of Victim & Survivor Rights & Services, **1-877-256-OVSS (6877)** www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim_services

Rape, Abuse, Incest, National Network

1-800-656-HOPE, http://www.rainn.org/

Victims of Crime Resource Center, Pacific/ McGeorge School of Law, **1-800-842-8467** www.1800victims.org

National Center for Victims of Crime **1-800-FYI-CALL,1-800-394-2255** www.ncvc.org/national

National Domestic Violence Hotline **1-800-799-SAFE (7233)** www.ndvh.org

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

Marsy's Law

The Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008

To provide victims with rights, justice, and due process

Officer: _____

Badge # _____

Case #: _____

Advocate: _____

Phone #: _____

Santa Cruz Police Department
155 Center St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
831.420.5800.
www.santacruzpolice.com

Marsy's Law

On November 4, 2008, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law, a measure to provide all victims with rights and due process. The California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28, confers certain rights to victims of crime. Those rights include:

1. Fairness and Respect:
To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse, throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.

2. Protection from the Defendant:
To be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.

3. Victim Safety Consideration in Setting Bail and Release Conditions:
To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.

4. The Prevention of the Disclosure of Confidential Information:
To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, which could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medical or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged or confidential by law.

5. Refusal to be Interviewed by the Defense:
To refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery request by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.

6. Conference with the Prosecution and Notice of Pretrial Disposition:
To reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, upon request, regarding, the arrest of the defendant if known by the prosecutor, the charges filed, the determination whether to extradite the defendant, and, upon request, to be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case.

7. Notice of and Presence at Public Proceedings:
To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, upon request, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.

8. Appearance at Court Proceedings and Expression of Views:
To be heard, upon request, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, plea, sentencing, post-conviction release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.

9. Speedy Trial and Prompt Conclusion of the Case:
To a speedy trial and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings.

10. Provision of Information to the Probation Department:
To provide information to a probation department official conducting a pre-sentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant.

11. Receipt of Pre-Sentence Report:
To receive, upon request, the pre-sentence report when available to the defendant, except for those portions made confidential by law.

12. Information About Conviction, Sentence, Incarceration, Release, and Escape: To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, and the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.

13. Restitution:
A. It is the unequivocal intention of the People of the State of California that all persons who suffer losses as a result of criminal activity shall have the right to seek and secure restitution from the persons convicted of the crimes causing the losses they suffer.

B. Restitution shall be ordered from the convicted wrongdoer in every case, regardless of the sentence or disposition imposed, in which a crime victim suffers a loss.

C. All monetary payments, monies, and property collected from any person who has been ordered to make restitution shall be first applied to pay the amounts ordered as restitution to the victim.

14. The Prompt Return of Property: To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

15.Notice of Parole Procedures and Release on Parole: To be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender.

16. Safety of Victim and Public are Factors in Parole Release: To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made.

17. Information About These 16 Rights: To be informed of the rights enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (16).

Santa Cruz Police Department Victim Services
The Santa Cruz Police Department provides services for victims of violent crime in the City of Santa Cruz. The advocate provides information about victims' rights and the criminal legal system and makes referrals to local agencies when appropriate. The advocate is available to attend interviews and court hearings with victims and acts as a liaison between the victim and the District Attorney's Office. The advocate works with the investigators assigned to the persons crime unit to ensure that all victims of violent crimes are treated with fairness and respect.

Victim Compensation Program
The Victim Compensation Program can help pay for;
• Medical and dental bills • Relocation • Mental health counseling • Crime scene cleanup • Funeral costs • Loss of income
For more information contact your local **Victim Witness Assistance Center** at 831-454-2010 or the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board at 1-800-777-9229 or on line at www.victimcompensation.ca.gov

Sexual Assault
It is a crime for anyone to rape or sexually assault you, whether they are a stranger, boyfriend, a lover, a husband, a domestic partner or an acquaintance. You deserve help. If someone has sexually assaulted you and you want to report the crime, call 911. The evidence of the crime is on your body clothing, and the location of the assault. In Santa Cruz County there is a program in which a nurse will examine you for physical injury and collect evidence in a sensitive manner. You have the right to have a sexual assault victim counselor present during the exam as well as a support person as long as the presence of those persons is not determined to be detrimental to the purpose of the exam. More evidence will be available if you do not shower, bathe, or wash your clothing/bedding or clean the location of the assault. Law enforcement will collect items and material, which may contain evidence for a possible criminal prosecution. You can call a crisis line to get more information and support whether or not you choose to report.

Domestic Violence
It is a crime for anyone to hit or hurt you. Domestic Violence can occur between people of any sexual orientation who are married, separated, dating, have dated, are living together, have lived together or have children together.

You Need to Know
Even when suspects are arrested, they may be released from jail at any time. If you feel that the suspect may return to hurt you or your family, ask the officer for an **Emergency Protective Order**, which will order the suspect to stay away for five court days. The officer can protect your name from public record.
For information about **shelter**, filing a **Domestic Violence Restraining Order** or other services in the community, you may contact **Walnut Ave. Women's Center** or **Women's Crisis Support/Defensa de Mujeres**.

You have the right to request an order from superior court to file a petition requesting any of the following orders for relief; an order restraining the abuser from battering the victim and other family members, an order directing the abuser to leave the household, an order preventing the abuser from entering the residence, school, business, or place of employment of the victim, an order awarding the victim custody of a minor child or children, an order restraining the attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in the custody of the victim, an order directing the party not granted custody to pay support of minor children if that party has a legal obligation to do so, an order directing the defendant to make specified debit payments coming due while the order is in effect, and/or an order directing either or both parties to participate in counseling.

You may ask the district attorney to file a criminal complaint. Contact the **Santa Cruz Police Victim Advocate** at 420-5827 or the **Victim Witness Assistance** Program at 454-2010 for assistance.
You also have the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings, and other expenses for injuries sustained, damage to property, and any other related expenses incurred by the victim or any agency that shelters the victim.

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