

MISSISSIPPI CRIME VICTIM BILL OF RIGHTS

CHECKLIST FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

To be used in the investigation of:

- Crimes involving physical injury or the threat of physical injury;
- All sexual offenses;
- Any offense – felony or misdemeanor – involving spousal abuse or domestic violence; and

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF STARTING AN INVESTIGATION

I have informed the victim, or where appropriate, the victims' lawful representative of:

- _____ emergency and crisis services available in the community or area;
- _____ the availability of victims' compensation benefits and how to apply for benefits;
- _____ my name and the telephone number and location of my agency;
- _____ what to do and who to call if the victim is subjected to threats or intimidation.

I have read to the victim the following statement:

- _____ If within sixty days you are not notified of an arrest in your case, you may call the telephone number of the law enforcement agency for the status of the case.

I have given the victim, or where appropriate, the victim's lawful representative:

- _____ a copy of the rights authorized by the Mississippi Constitution and a form to be used to invoke these rights;
- _____ a copy of the procedural steps involved in a criminal prosecution;
- _____ a copy of the procedural steps involved in delinquency cases;
- _____ a copy of the eligibility requirements for restitution and compensation pursuant to §99-37-1 et seq. and §99-41-1 et seq., *Mississippi Code of 1972*; and
- _____ the name and telephone number of the office of the prosecuting attorney.

Refused to Sign:

- _____ Victim
- _____ Responsible Party

Investigating Officer

Victim or Victim Representative

Victim's Address

Street/P. O. Box

City

State

Zip

Victim's Telephone Number

Date