MISSISSIPPI CRIME VICTIM BILL OF RIGHTS

CHECKLIST FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

(This checklist should be completed and kept with the case file)

To be used in the investigation of:

- Felonies 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 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 _____ Lawful Representative

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Investigating Officer Victim or Lawful Representative

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Victim's Address Street/P. O. Box City State Zip

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Victim's Telephone Number Date

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Alternate Contact Information Name Telephone No.