



MISSISSIPPI CRIME VICTIMS' 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

This form must be completed and signed within 72 hours of starting an investigation.

I have informed the victim, or where appropriate, the victim's 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, 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 Crime Victims' Bill of Rights* or the *Sexual Assault Bill of Rights*, if applicable, and the 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 Miss. Code Ann. § 99-37-1 et seq. and § 99-41-1 et seq., and
- _____ the name and telephone number of the office of the prosecuting attorney

Refused to Sign: _____ Victim _____ Lawful Representative

Investigating Officer _____ Date _____ Signature of Victim or Lawful Representative _____

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

Victim's Telephone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Alternate Contact Name _____ E-Mail Address _____ Telephone Number _____