

## VICTIM RESOURCE PROGRAM

720.913.8020

### DISPOSITION

- A disposition hearing provides the defendant an opportunity to plead guilty or continue the case to trial.
- You are not required to appear at the disposition hearing.

### TESTIMONY

- If the case is set for trial you may be required to testify and receive a subpoena to appear.
- If you are required to testify the City Attorney and victim specialist will talk to you before trial.

### TRIAL

- You do not need to hire an attorney.
- A defendant may request a trial by jury or by the court (a judge only).
- Unless you are ordered by the court, you are **not required** to speak with the City Attorney, victim specialist, the defendant, or the defense attorney about this case.

### WARRANTS

To check on the status of a warrant, call the police non-emergency line at 720.913.2000.

### IMMIGRATION

The City does not enforce immigration laws and does not initiate any actions based on immigration status.

### DROPPING CHARGES

You cannot drop the charges: only the prosecutor can drop the charges.

### SUBPOENAS

If you are personally served with a subpoena you are legally required to appear for court.

### SENTENCING

If the defendant is found guilty of the charges or enters a guilty plea, you have the opportunity to address the judge about the case at sentencing. You may provide a written and/or verbal statement describing the impact of the crime and what you would like to see happen. The judge will make the final decision on sentencing. The maximum sentence allowable per charge is a fine of up to \$999, up to 365 days in jail, and up to one year of probation. Counseling and treatment will be made conditions of probation in cases of domestic violence.

### RESTITUTION

If the defendant is found guilty or pleads guilty, the judge can order restitution only for certain expenses related to the crime, such as medical bills and property damage.

### VICTIMS' COMPENSATION

The Victims' Compensation Fund can provide victims limited financial assistance to pay for expenses resulting from the crime, including medical bills, replacement of doors, locks, and

windows damaged in the incident, and mental health services. A police report must be provided. For more information, call 720.913.9253.

### PROTECTION ORDERS

The Denver Protection Order Court is located in the City and County Building, 1437 Bannock, Room 159. You may file for a protection order at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. You will be asked to provide the name of the defendant, where the defendant lives or works, and information that shows why you are in fear for your safety, and you may be assessed a \$25 fee. You may call the Court with questions at 720.865.7285. Project Safeguard has staff on site who can offer assistance and can be reached at 720.865.9159.

### NOTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S RELEASE

If you want to be notified when the defendant is released from jail, you must register on the automated VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday) system by calling 1.888.263.8463 or go to <https://www.vinelink.com>.



**DENVER**  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

### Van Cise Simonet Detention Center

490 W. Colfax Ave., Denver

### Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse

520 W. Colfax Ave., Denver

### Rose Andom Center, City Attorney Victim Specialists

1330 Fox Street, Denver, Monday - Friday, 8:00 - 3:30

Please call for information on your case or come in to meet with a victim specialist or prosecutor.

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