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... **currently, only 17** of Georgia's **49** judicial circuits have **state-funded victim advocates...**

Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights

Pursuant to the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights, which was enacted through the Georgia Legislature in **1995**, victims of certain crimes are afforded **specific rights under the law**. According to the Official Code of Georgia, Title 17, Chapter 17, victims of the following crimes receive benefits under the Crime Victims Bill of Rights:

Homicide

Assault and Battery

Kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses

Reckless Conduct

Cruelty to Children

Feticide

Stalking/Aggravated Stalking

Sexual Offenses

Burglary

Arson

Theft

Armed Robbery

Sexual Exploitation of a Child

Homicide by Vehicle

Feticide by Vehicle

Serious Injury by Vehicle

In general, after the crime occurs and is reported, and upon initial contact with a victim, law enforcement and court personnel (Prosecution-based Victim Advocates) **must advise him or her of the following:**

- That it is possible that the accused may be released from custody prior to trial;
- That he or she has certain rights during various stages of the criminal justice system;
- That additional information about these stages can be obtained by contacting the pertinent state and/or local agency involved, or by contacting the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- That he or she may have available to them monetary compensation for certain out-of-pocket losses incurred as a result of their victimization from the State's Crime Victims Emergency Fund (Crime Victims Compensation) which is administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- That he or she may have available to them community based victim service programs and that more information may be obtained by contacting the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline

Victims of crimes further have the following rights:

- To be **notified of each stage in the judicial process** to include pretrial hearings, bond, arraignment, motions hearings, pleas of guilty, trial, sentencing and appeals;
- To be **notified** of any arrest, release, possibility of release, or escape of the accused or any change in custodial status;
- To **give opinions** regarding release from custody or bond issues;
- To a **private waiting area** during court proceedings;
- To **offer input** on plea negotiations or sentence hearings or conditions;
- To **protection from intimidation** and harm;
- To **receive compensation and/or restitution** when eligible

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every **31 minutes**, one person is **murdered**

every **7.2 seconds**, one person is **physically assaulted**

every **2.3 seconds**, one household is victimized by **theft**

every **1.3 minutes**, one woman is victimized by an **intimate partner**

every **6.7 minutes**, one man is victimized by an **intimate partner**

every **9.1 seconds**, one household is victimized by **burglary**

every **2.7 minutes**, one person is **sexually assaulted**

every **35 seconds**, one child is **abused** or neglect is reported

every **19 seconds**, one person is victimized by **violence in the workplace**

every **29 minutes**, one person is **killed** in an **alcohol-related** traffic fatality

every **2.7 minutes**, one elderly person is **victimized**

every **8.7 seconds**, 19 people become victims of **identity theft**

-The National Center for Victims of Crime, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Children's Bureau, Shannon M. Catalano, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Council of Better Business Bureau data cited

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...help us support crime victims

MAKE GEORGIA CRIME VICTIMS A TOP PRIORITY

Whoever you are, throughout Georgia, prosecution-based advocates serve ALL crime victims.

Statewide Report Profile of Reported Index Crimes 1990-2006

Courtesy: GBI Crime Statistics

Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total Violent	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total Property	Total Index Crimes
1990	792	3,621	17,188	28,092	49,693	102,106	234,876	41,409	378,391	428,084
1991	818	2,773	17,385	26,495	47,471	95,666	231,207	38,980	365,853	413,324
1992	697	3,089	16,334	27,421	47,541	92,145	235,233	37,837	365,215	412,756
1993	737	2,287	16,436	28,157	47,617	85,385	232,907	39,479	357,771	405,388
1994	671	2,218	14,878	25,650	43,417	70,561	243,973	36,220	350,754	394,171
1995	654	2,423	14,479	28,058	45,614	72,795	258,224	39,970	370,989	416,603
1996	617	2,250	14,664	27,550	45,081	77,851	275,931	44,497	398,279	443,360
1997	563	2,195	14,889	25,293	42,940	76,268	245,194	42,508	363,970	406,910
1998	577	2,210	13,785	25,421	41,993	71,955	241,914	40,926	354,795	396,788
1999	566	2,209	12,831	24,772	40,378	69,562	242,385	39,503	351,450	391,828
2000	496	1,683	11,715	21,463	35,357	57,987	204,026	33,895	295,908	331,265
2001	549	2,044	13,577	22,930	39,100	66,646	223,570	36,460	326,676	365,776
2002	521	1,921	12,605	21,109	36,156	68,461	216,476	35,678	320,615	356,771
2003	619	2,075	13,318	20,972	36,984	73,155	229,182	41,012	343,349	380,333
2004	476	1,944	11,675	20,823	34,918	69,266	217,171	39,070	325,507	360,425
2005	526	2,086	13,800	22,409	38,821	79,834	234,436	43,411	357,681	396,502
2006	601	1,944	14,782	23,867	41,244	78,624	215,155	40,882	334,661	375,905