Basic Steps in the Criminal Justice System

Crime Committed

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Law Enforcement Investigation

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Arrest or Citation

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Charges Filed at the discretion of the County Attorney

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Arraignment or Bond Hearing Held

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The Victim Assistance
Unit works in
conjunction with the
Platte County
Attorney's Office and is
a free service available
to all victims of crime.

The Victim Assistance Unit adheres to all laws and regulations that mandate equal opportunity and treatment regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or marital status.

Contact Information:

Victim Assistance Unit
Platte County Courthouse

Second Floor 2610 14th Street Columbus, NE 68601 402-563-4971 402-563-4981

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm



Platte County Victim Assistance Unit

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Additional Helpful Phone Numbers:

- Emergency 911
- Platte County Attorney's Office 402-563-4903
- Platte County Sheriff's Office 402-564-3229
- Columbus Police Department 402-564-3201
- Humphrey Police Department 402-923-0224
- Center for Survivors 402-564-2155

We know the court process can be very confusing and overwhelming. We would like to answer your questions and help you understand the different stages that may occur in your case.

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Our Services

- Criminal Justice liaison
- Accompaniment to court proceedings
- Crime Victim Reparations Assistance
- Personal advocacy
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) advocacy
- Protection order assistance
- Educate victims on their rights
- Community service referrals
- Assistance with (NEVCAP) Nebraska Victims of Crime Alert Portal
- Emotional support
- Safety planning
- Restitution collection assistance
- Accompaniment to medical examinations relating to victimization
- Language Line interpretation services

Mission:

Actively promote the rights and interests of crime victims by providing them with a voice and advocacy as their case moves through the criminal justice system.

Purpose:

The Victim Assistance Unit provides information, referrals, assistance, and personal and criminal justice related advocacy to victims of crime in Platte County who have suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a violent crime.

