

IF THE PROSECUTOR CHARGES THE CASE

A GUIDE FOR ADVOCATES

- Does the victim understand the advocate's role and purpose?
- Does the victim understand her/his rights as a victim of crime?
- Does the victim know and understand the defendant's conditions of release, and what to do if they are violated by the defendant?
- Does the victim understand that an HRO or OFP is still available and, if already in place, is still valid?
- Has the victim taken necessary steps to be notified of the defendant's release from jail?
- Does the victim know about the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) service if available?
- Does the victim know she/he can raise any special concerns so the prosecutor can address them, and that she/he can ask to meet with the prosecutor at any time?
- Does the victim know to be completely candid with the prosecution, and to keep them advised of her/his address?
- Does the victim know that a defense attorney or investigator may contact her/him, and what to do if so?
- Does the victim know the criminal process, the approximate timelines, and that continuances are common?
- Does the victim understand that she/he will receive a subpoena from the prosecutor at some point?
- Does the victim understand plea negotiations and their purpose?
- Does the victim understand her/his role as a witness in the case, and what the prosecutor's role is?
- Does the victim know she/he will need to begin keeping records and document any possibility of restitution, should a conviction result?
- Does the victim need transportation assistance to attend court hearings?

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