



VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION

*Commitment to Serving
Our Community*

The San Mateo County Victim Services Division has been providing support to victims of crime and their families since 1975. Our Victim Advocates care for a victim's physical, emotional and financial needs after a crime. We do this by providing support, information, links to community resources and assisting in the enforcement of victim's rights.

Our services are free of charge and are provided to all individuals regardless of immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or income.



JAIL INMATE LOCATOR

To sign up to be notified when an offender is released from jail, please visit smc-inmatelocator.org or call (650) 363-4424. You will need the offender's name, date of birth and/or inmate number.



CONTACT US

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Redwood City, CA 94063



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SAN MATEO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION

YOUR RIGHTS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



*Understanding the criminal justice
process and your rights as a
victim of crime.*

Stephen M. Wagstaffe
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Victim Services Division Manager



WHAT DOES A VICTIM ADVOCATE DO?

If you have been impacted by crime, you do not have to navigate the criminal justice system alone.

Victim Advocates can help you:



EXPLAIN THE COURT PROCESS

We can help you understand each step of the criminal justice system.



PROVIDE CASE UPDATES

We will keep you informed about important developments in your case.



EXPLAIN YOUR RIGHTS

We will ensure you are aware of your rights as a victim at every stage of the process.



CONNECT YOU WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We can link you to local resources and support services to help you and your family.



ASSIST WITH RESTITUTION

We can help you understand the restitution process and how to request it.



ASSIST WITH CALVCB APPLICATIONS

We can help you apply for financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Board.



ACCOMPANY YOU TO COURT

We can provide court accompaniment and support on the day of your hearing.



COORDINATE WITH PROSECUTORS

We work closely with Deputy District Attorneys to advocate for your rights and needs.



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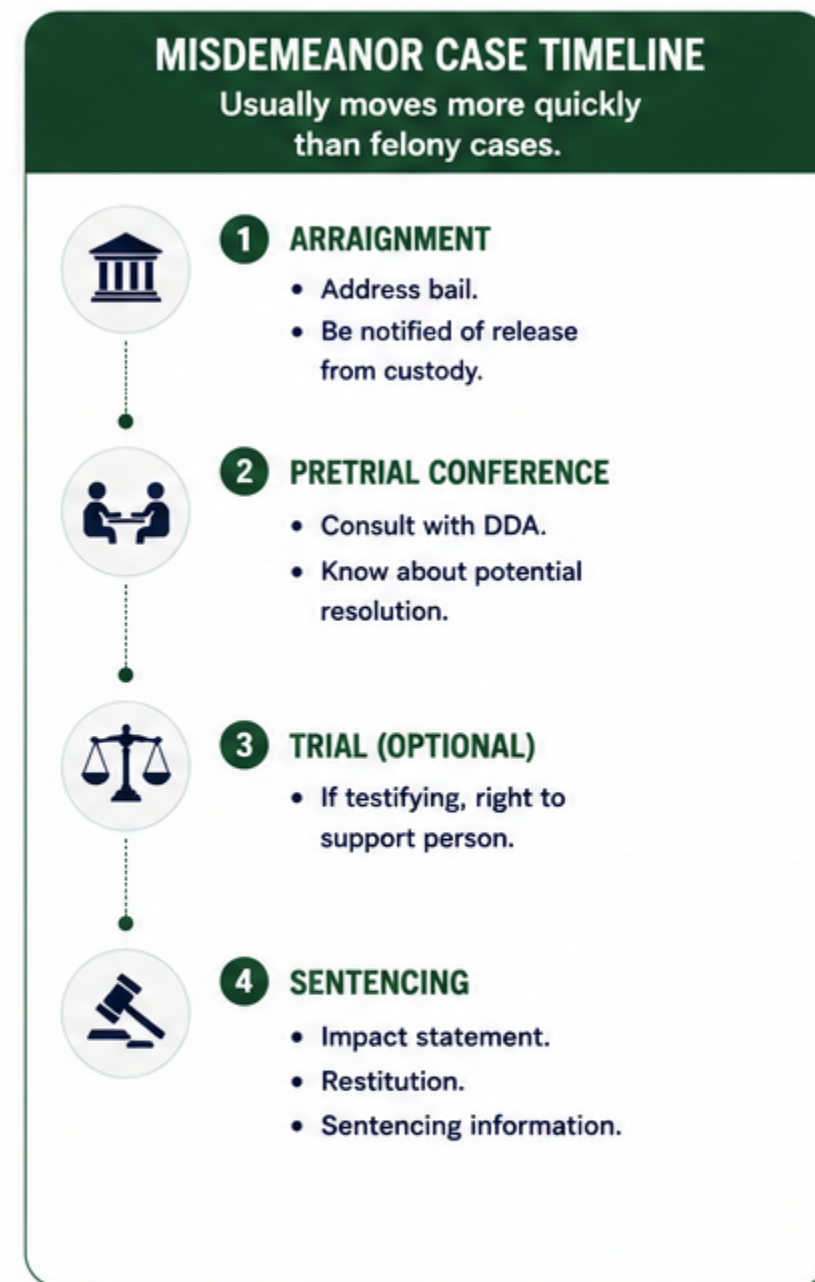
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS

STEPS IN THE PROCESS AND YOUR RIGHTS AT EACH STAGE



TWO DIFFERENT PATHS: FELONY VS. MISDEMEANOR CASES

The criminal justice process may differ depending on the type of case.



NEED HELP?

Our Victim Advocates are here for you.

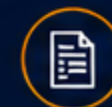
We can help you understand the process, explore your options, and access resources.



Speak with a Victim Advocate



Learn about your rights



Apply for CalVCB



Receive court accompaniment



Learn about restitution



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