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[www.calhouncountymi.gov/departments/  
prosecuting\\_attorney/](http://www.calhouncountymi.gov/departments/prosecuting_attorney/)  
to get additional information, including  
brochures, forms, related links, and  
documents.

For questions regarding a police  
investigation:

- Battle Creek Police Department:  
269-966-3307
- Calhoun County Sheriff's Department:  
269-969-6450
- Albion Police Department:  
517-629-3933
- Michigan State Police:  
269-558-0500
- Emmett Township Public Safety:  
269-968-9303

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161 E. Michigan Ave  
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(269) 969-6980

## Victim Assistance

We understand that being a victim of a crime can be a challenging time for people. The victim's services unit is here to help victims of crime go through the court process. The victim services unit may assist you as a victim of a crime by explaining victims' rights, accompanying you to court hearings, court date notification, and connecting you to other services in the community.

## Crime Victim Services Unit

Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office



## What Are Your Rights?

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As a victim of a crime, you have rights under the Crime Victim Rights Act in the Michigan Constitution. The following is a summary of these rights.

- To be treated with fairness and dignity throughout the criminal justice process.
- To have reasonable protection from the defendant throughout the court process.

### **The following are your rights during prosecution, upon your request only.**

- To receive notification of any scheduled court proceedings and changes to that schedule.
- To speak with the prosecuting attorney before the case is resolved.
- To be present in the courtroom after you testify at all hearings.
- To make an oral or written Victim Impact Statement at the Sentencing Hearing
- To know that the Court can order restitution at sentencing.
- To be informed about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release from jail or prison of the defendant.
- To be notified of the status of an appeal filed in your case.

If you have any questions about these rights, don't hesitate to contact the victim's unit of the prosecutor's office at 269-969-6944.

Victims of a crime will be mailed an Activation of Rights form to request their rights. The form can also be found on our website.

## Important Phone Numbers

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Please see the following phone numbers for resources that may be able to help you. If you have any questions about these resources, please call the Prosecutor's Office.

- Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office [CCPO] (Main Number): 269-969-6980
- CCPO Victims Unit: 269-969-6944
- CCPO Witness Unit: 269-969-6947
- S.A.F.E. PLACE: 269-965-7233
- Sexual Assault Services: 269-245-3925
- Crime Victims Compensation Board: 517-373-7373
- VINE Link Notification Service: 800-770-7657
- Calhoun County Jail: 269-969-6303
- Calhoun County Circuit Court Clerk (for PPO information): 269-969-6518
- Pretrial Services: 269-969-6790
- 211 for additional support

**It is very important to keep us informed of your current address and phone number!**

## Services Available

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### Crime Victim Compensation

The Michigan Crime Victim Compensation Board may help pay for expenses that result from the crime. Please call our office and ask about the Crime Victim Compensation Application. The following is a list of costs that they may be able to help with.

- Reasonable and necessary medical and counseling services
- Loss of earnings due to physical injuries
- Loss of support to dependents of homicide victims
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Crime scene clean-up (for homicide crimes only)
- Grief counseling (for homicide crimes only)

### VINE Link

This service lets victims of crime access timely and reliable information regarding offenders and court events. It is free and confidential. Visit the website at [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) or call 1-800-770-7657.

## Contact Us!

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