

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT APPEARING IN COURT

As a victim or witness of a crime, your cooperation is vital. A deputy prosecuting attorney will work with you while the defendant is being processed through the criminal justice system. Therefore, it is important to keep the Prosecutor’s Office informed of your current address and telephone number.

SUBPOENA:

A subpoena is a Court Order directing you to appear in court. Please call the Prosecutor’s Office upon receipt of the subpoena so the deputy prosecuting attorney can discuss the case with you. You should also bring the subpoena to court with you to expedite the processing of your witness fees.

COURT:

An advocate from the Victim/Witness Assistance Division will accompany you to the hearing to provide support and assist with concerns you may have. You will not be allowed into the courtroom until it is your turn to testify. Once you have completed your testimony, you will need to wait outside the courtroom until the deputy prosecuting attorney excuses you.

CASE CONTINUANCE:

Often, a case may be continued. If this happens before the date of your hearing, we will make every effort to contact you and advise you that you do not need to appear.

CHILDREN:

Court proceedings can be long and complex, so be sure to make childcare arrangements before coming to court. The Victim/Witness Assistance Division does not provide childcare but we may be able to help you find a community-based childcare provider.

FEAR/THREATS:

If you have any fears about being involved in your case, please contact the Victim/Witness Assistance Division or the deputy prosecuting attorney handling your case. If you receive a threat, call the police immediately. Such threats are crimes and will be investigated.

VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCATES MAY ASSIST YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Information and updates about your case
- Explanation of the judicial process
- Referrals to community agencies
- Crisis and short-term counseling
- Court accompaniment
- Property return
- Crime Victim Compensation applications
- Requests for restitution
- Victim Impact Statements
- Obtaining witness compensation fees
- SAVIN (automated victim notification) registration
- Return Witness Program for visitors

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Prosecutor’s Office.....	270-7777
Police (Emergency).....	911
Police (Non-emergency).....	244-6400
Sexual Assault Hotline.....	873-8624
Domestic Violence Hotline.....	579-9581
Suicide Hotline.....	800-753-6879
Crime Victim Compensation.....	808-587-1143
SAVIN (Automated Victim Notification)...	877-846-3444
Child Welfare Services.....	800-494-3991
Adult Protective Services.....	243-5151
National Elder Fraud Hotline.....	833-372-8311
Maui AIDS Foundation.....	242-4900
Hoapili Hale (Courthouse).....	244-2706
Office of Language Access.....	808-586-8730

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the County of Maui, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney’s Victim/Witness Program that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation, limited English proficiency, or handicap, be excluded from participation in or be subjected to discrimination while receiving services.

INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS & WITNESSES



If you are a victim or witness of a crime and have filed a police report, please call the Victim/Witness Assistance Division for assistance. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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OUR MISSION: To seek justice through competent leadership and integrity, the Prosecuting Attorney ensures that the pursuit of justice is done in a fair, effective and efficient manner through a victim-centered approach in prosecution.

PROSECUTOR'S ROLE AND FUNCTION

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui serves the islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. It is responsible for the prosecution of those who violate the criminal and traffic laws or the rules and regulations of the State of Hawaii and County of Maui.

The Department is administered by the Prosecuting Attorney, who is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the County Council.



VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE DIVISION

The Victim/Witness Assistance Division was started in 1982 as a unit of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, and is part of the state-wide network of victim/witness services provided under the guidelines of the State Attorney General.

The Division's purpose is to assist and support individuals through the Hawaii criminal justice system. The Division primarily assists in cases of serious violent crimes including homicide, sexual assaults, offenses involving child victims, abuse of family or household members, robbery, and physical assaults.

Please contact our office if you are interested in having a presentation about our program or mandated reporting requirements.

Victim Bill of Rights

Victims of violent crimes now have certain basic rights in Hawaii. According to Hawaii Revised Statutes 801D, you are entitled to receive:

NOTIFICATION upon written request of:

- arrest and release of the suspect or defendant
- case information
- dates of court proceedings and appearances
- plea bargaining
- final case disposition
- parole hearings;

PROTECTION from threats or harm;

PROPERTY RETURN as soon as possible;

SECURE WAITING AREA at the courthouse;

REFERRAL INFORMATION for financial assistance and social services;

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT at the time of sentencing and minimum term parole hearing, and to be present at either hearing.