DUTIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Victim of Crime Act, Article 45 - G.S. 15A-830

As soon as practical, but within 72 hours after identifying a victim covered by this Article, the investigating law enforcement agency shall provide the victim with the following information:

- Availability of Medical Services
- Availability of Victim Compensation and Agency's address and phone number
- Address and phone number of District Attorney's office
- Name and phone number of Law Enforcement Agency whom the victim may contact if they have not been notified of an arrest within 6 months
- Information about the accuser's opportunity for pre-trial release
- Name and phone number of investigating agency employee whom the victim may contact to find out whether the accused has been released from custody

As soon as practical, but within 72 hours after the arrest of a person, the *arresting law enforcement agency* shall inform the *investigating law enforcement agency* of the arrest. As soon as practical, but within 72 hours of being notified of arrest, the *investigating law enforcement agency* shall notify the victim of the arrest.

As soon as practical, but within 72 hours after receiving notice from arresting agency that the accused has been arrested, the investigating agency shall forward to the district attorney's office the following:

- Victim's Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number
- Race
- Sex

If the victim refuses to disclose all or any of the above information, the investigating agency shall inform the district attorney's office.

Upon receiving information in the first section, the victim shall indicate on a form provided by the investigating agency, whether the victim wishes to receive further notices from the agency. *If the victim elects to receive notice, the victim is responsible to notify the agency of change of address and phone number.*

15A-835 (c) If the defendant has been released on bail pending the outcome of an appeal, the agency that has custody of the defendant shall notify the investigating law enforcement agency as soon as practicable, and within 72 hours of receipt of the notification, the investigating law enforcement agency shall notify the victim that the defendant has been released.