

Community Services Division

The Community Services Division of the Pinal County Attorney's Office is responsible for **Victim Notification** and **Victim Advocacy**.

These Units exist to make sure victims' rights are protected.

The **Victim Notification Unit** is responsible for ensuring that you, the crime victim, receive proper notification of all court proceedings related to your case.

These notices advise you of court hearings related to your case and provide you with documents you may use in your case.

The **Victim Advocacy Unit** provides you with support during your criminal court case.

When a decision is made to charge a case, an advocate is assigned to assist you during the criminal justice process.



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Serve the people

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If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this brochure please contact the Community Services Division of the Pinal County Attorney's Office at :

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Victim Advocacy



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What is the role of the crime victim advocate?

The advocate's role is to help you, the crime victim, understand how the criminal justice system works and what your rights as a victim are.



Your Advocate can

- inform you of your rights as a victim, and explain the criminal justice system process to you;
- help answer your questions and provide you with information and referrals to appropriate government or community agencies, which may assist you;
- help you complete and file forms related to your case;
- go with you to court hearings and ensure that you are informed about court dates and the outcome of proceedings;
- assist you with speaking at court hearings or speak on your behalf;
- be a liaison between you and the prosecutor;
- set up meetings or conference calls (if necessary) with prosecutors or others involved with your case; and
- ensure your **rights are not being violated**.

Your Advocate cannot

- provide you with copies of police reports;
- direct the way the prosecution will proceed;
- provide legal representation or advice in a criminal or civil case;
- provide you with any information about other cases within the court system;
- talk with the defendant and his or her attorney;
- interview witnesses or conduct any type of investigation;
- act as a licensed therapist;
- provide childcare.

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