

**GEORGIA STATE VICTIM'S
COMPENSATION ACT**

This program assists innocent violent crime victims with out-of-pocket medical or counseling bills, funeral cost and wages directly related to their victimization. Eligibility for funds is based on criteria designed by the State of Georgia. You may be eligible if you are:

- ?? A victim of a violent crime;
- ?? A dependent spouse or child of such a victim;
- ?? A reasonably acting "good Samaritan;"
- ?? A family violence victim;
- ?? A DUI crash victim;
- ?? A parent/guardian of an eligible minor;
- ?? A guardian or estate administrator of an eligible mentally incompetent claimant; or
- ?? Any person who is not a direct service provider and who assumes the cost of an eligible expense of a victim, regardless of such person's relationship to the victim or whether such person is a dependent of the victim.

YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE:

- ?? A victim who was incarcerated or was currently serving an existing sentence for a felony involving criminally injurious conduct;
- ?? A victim that does not cooperate with law enforcement, prosecution or the Council;
- ?? A victim that contributed to their victimization; or
- ?? **A victim whose sole loss was property.**

OTHER REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- ?? The crime must be reported to law enforcement within 72 hours, unless good cause is shown; and
- ?? A complete application must be filled out and submitted with 1 year of the incident, unless good cause is shown.

Applications, copies of the Victim Compensation Law and other information may be obtained by contacting:

Liberty House
24-hour Crisis Line
(912) 439-7065 / 1-800-289-2708

Case Report Number: _____

Officer: _____



**Montezuma
Police
Department**

408 South Dooly Street
Montezuma, Georgia 31063

Please keep this pamphlet; it contains valuable information as well as the number your report has been assigned. Your report number is listed at the top of the page, along with the name of the officer who made your report. If you contact the Police Department about your report, refer to this case number.

Contact the Police Department, at the numbers listed below if you:

- ?? Remember or discover new information
- ?? Discover additional property missing
- ?? Find or recover your own property
- ?? Locate serial or model numbers of stolen items
- ?? Locate the person you reported missing
- ?? Wish to speak with an investigator

General Information.....	(478) 472-6260
Animal Control.....	(478) 472-6260
Chief of Police.....	(478) 472-6260
Crime Tip Hotline.....	(478) 472-6260
Detective Division.....	(478) 472-6834
Internal Affairs.....	(478) 472-6260
Municipal Court.....	(478) 472-6260
Patrol & Records.....	(478) 472-6260

Montezuma Police Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Montezuma Police Department is to:

- ?? Determine and apprehend criminals;
- ?? Maintain strong police-community relations; and,
- ?? To continually enhance the training and expertise of each member of the police force.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

VICTIM'S BILL OF RIGHTS

In accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Chapter 17, the Georgia Crime Victim's Bill of Rights, the Montezuma Police Department has provided the listed information. If you are a victim, or a family member of a victim, of one or more of the following types of crimes:

- ?? Armed Robbery
- ?? Arson
- ?? Assault/Battery
- ?? Burglary
- ?? Cruelty to Children
- ?? False Imprisonment
- ?? Feticide
- ?? Feticide by Vehicle
- ?? Homicide
- ?? Homicide by Vehicle
- ?? Kidnapping
- ?? Reckless Conduct
- ?? Serious Injury by Vehicle
- ?? Sexual Battery
- ?? Sexual Exploitation of a Child
- ?? Stalking
- ?? Theft

...then you are entitled to know the following:

- ?? It is possible that the accused may be released from custody prior to trial;
- ?? That you, as a victim, have certain rights during various stages of the criminal justice process;
- ?? Additional information about your rights can be obtained by contacting the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at (404) 559-4949;
- ?? You may be eligible for monetary compensation for certain out-of-pocket expenses (from the State's Crime Victim's Emergency Fund) incurred as a result of your victimization;
- ?? You may contact the Governor's Victim Assistance Help line at (800) 338-6745 for assistance or clarification of your rights;
- ?? You must be notified, by the investigating law enforcement agency, of the accused's arrest; and
- ?? You must provide the investigating law enforcement agency with your current address and phone number if, you wish to be contacted. Pagers or cellular phone numbers are not sufficient.

If you have been involved in or witnessed an act of domestic violence, and wish to pursue legal action, you have the option of obtaining a criminal warrant for the arrest of the perpetrator. If you wish to follow through with this procedure, the Montezuma Police Department will assist you with this procedure. Call the Montezuma Police Domestic Investigation Unit at 472-6834 and speak to the Domestic Violence Investigator.

Domestic Violence Investigators are specially trained to assist you and handle only cases involving domestic violence. The Case Report Number assigned to your case is on the front page of this pamphlet; please have it available when you call.

Help is available for victims of domestic violence; the Montezuma Police Department encourages you to seek help from these agencies. The following agencies will assist you with prosecution or counseling:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Emergency 911
- Montezuma Police Dept 472-6260
- Macon County Sheriff Dept..... 472-6457

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Sumter County Teen Center (229) 924-6224
Outreach Programs for Youth & Their Families
- Liberty House (800) 334-2836
Shelter Services for Battered Women & Their Children
- Rape Crisis Hotline..... (229) 432-1300
Rape Crisis Information & Resource Line-24 Hour Hotline
- Transforming Counseling Services ... (229) 924-1333
Willie E. Greene, Licensed Professional Counselor
- Helpline, GA (800) 338-6745
- National Domestic Violence Hotline. (800) 799-7233
Domestic Violence Crisis Line.....(800) 33H-AVEN
(800) 334-2836
- Mental Health Crisis Hotline..... (800) 342-7843
Mental Health Referral Hotline (800) 808-2137

LEGAL SUPPORT

- Magistrate Court..... 472-8509
- District Attorney's Office (*Felony Cases*)
..... (229) 924-5411
- GA Legal Aid..... 751-6261

Dear Customer,

The Montezuma Police Department wishes to further our Community Oriented Policing Philosophy by maintaining close ties with the citizens of Montezuma and providing quality service. Feedback from you, our customer, is essential in providing the best possible service. Please take a moment to complete this questionnaire to let us know how we are doing. You can mail or return this questionnaire to the Montezuma Police Department.

1. **Was the police response timely?**
 Yes
 No
2. **Was your request or problem handled effectively?**
 Yes
 No
3. **Were you treated with courtesy and respect?**
 Yes
 No
4. **Describe your contact with the police:**
 Victim of a crime
 Reporting a crime
 Traffic Accident or Related
 Other
5. **What is your opinion of the level of service provided by Montezuma Police Department?**
 Very Satisfied
 Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied
 Somewhat Satisfied
 Not Satisfied

6. **Comments:** _____

Thank you for your assistance.
(Optional):

CASE#: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Service ___/___/___

Officer's Name _____