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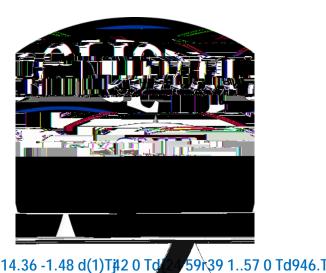
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TEXAS CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS

A victim, guardian of a victim, or a close relative of a deceased victim is entitled to the following rights within the criminal justice system as Article 56.02 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure:

- The right to receive from law enforcement agencies adequate protec on from harm and threats of harm arising from coopera on with prosecu on e orts;
- 2. The right to have the magistrate take the safety of the vic m and of his family into considera on as an element in fixing the amount of bail for the accused;
- 3. The right, if requested, to be informed:
 - By the at orney represen ng the State of relevant court proceedings, and to be informed if these proceedings have been canceled or rescheduled prior to the event; and
 - By an appellate court of the decisions of the court, a er the decisions are entered but before the decisions are made public.
- 4. The right to be informed, when requested, by a peace o cer concerning the defendant's right to bail and the procedures in the criminal jus ce system, including general procedures in the criminal jus ce system, general procedures in the guilty plea nego a ons and arrangements, res tu on, and the appeals and parole process;

- 5. The right to receive informa on regarding compensa on to vic ms of crime;
- The right to be informed, upon request, of parole procedures, to par cipate in the parole process;
- 7. The right to be provided with a wai ng area, separate or secure from other witnesses, including the o ender and rela ves of the o ender, before tes fying in any proceeding concerning the o ender;
- The right to prompt return of any property of the vic m that is held by a law enforcement agency or the at orney for the State as evidence when the property is no longer required for that purpose;
- 9. The right to have the at orney for the State no fy the employer of the vic m, if requested, of the necessity of the vic m's coopera on and tes mony in a proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the vic m from work;
- 10. The right to counseling, on request, regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infec on and tes ng for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), an bodies to HIV, of infec on with any other probable causa ve agent of AIDS, if the o ense is an o ense under Sec on 21.11 (a)(1), 22.01, or 22.021, Penal Code

- 11. The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the o ense, subject to the approval of the judge in the case.
- 12. The right to request vic mo ender media on by the Vic m Services Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Jus ce.
- 13. The right to be informed of the uses of a vic m impact statement, and to have the vic m impact statement considered; By the at orney represen ng the State and judge before sentencing or before a plea bargain agreement is accepted; and by the Board of Pardons and Paroles before an o ender is released on parole.
- 14. Except as provided by Ar de 56.06(a), for a vic m of sexual assault, the right to a forensic medical examina on if the sexual assault is reported to a law enforcement agency within 120 hours of the assault

