



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

North Myrtle Beach

Department of Public Safety

(843) 280-5511

J. Reuben Long

Detention Center

(843) 365-9222

Horry County Solicitor's Office

(843) 248-1318

Family Justice Center

Crisis Line

(844) 208 - 0161

North Myrtle Beach

Helping Hand

(843) 399-0862

Department of Social Services

(843) 280-5565

State Office of Victim Assistance

1-800-220-5370

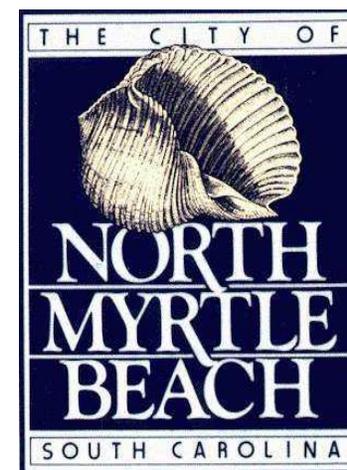


You may receive a copy of your incident report free of charge by contacting the North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety. Our Records Department is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. and is located at 1015 2nd Avenue South. You can contact the Records Department at 280-5516.

CASE NUMBER:

OFFICER:

**VICTIM/
WITNESS
ADVOCATE
PROGRAM**



**NORTH MYRTLE BEACH
DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Krista Cooper
Victim Advocate
1015 2ND Avenue South
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582
(843) 280-5551
Fax (843) 281-3899

The Victim/ Witness Advocate is here to assist you through the criminal justice process.

Some victims of crimes may be eligible for financial assistance to cover injuries, losses, and expenses. These victims must meet requirements set by the State Office of Victim Assistance. To find out about victims benefits and for assistance in applying for compensation for such expenses call 1-800-220-5370, or contact the North Myrtle Beach Victim Advocate.

VICTIM RESPONSIBILITIES:

TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE ASSISTANCE YOU MUST:

- Provide the law enforcement agency and other appropriate agencies your legal name, current mailing address, and current phone number. Please notify the victim advocate if any of this information changes.
- Inform the investigating officer, (843) 280-5511, or the Victim Advocate, (843) 280-5551 if you will not be attending court.
- Submit a victim impact statement detailing how the crime has affected you both financially and emotionally.

VICTIM'S RIGHTS INFORMATION



The South Carolina Constitution, by Amendment, provides for the “Victims’ Bill of Rights”:

Section 24. (A) To preserve and protect victims’ rights to justice and due process regardless of race, sex, age, religion, or economic status, victims of crime have the right to:

- **Be treated with fairness**, respect, and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process, and informed of the constitutional rights provided by statute;
- **Be reasonably informed** when the accused or convicted person is arrested, release from custody or has escaped;
- **Be informed of and present at all criminal proceedings** where the defendant has the right to be present;
- **Be reasonably informed of and be allowed** to submit either a written or oral statement at all hearing affecting bond or jail;
- **Be reasonably protected** from the accused or persons acting on his behalf throughout the criminal justice system;
- **Confer with the prosecution, after criminal charges** have been charged, before trial or before any disposition and informed of the disposition.

- **Have reasonable access after the conclusion** of the criminal investigation to all documents relating to the crime before the trial.
- **Receive prompt restitution** from the persons convicted of the criminal conduct that caused the loss or injury including both adults and juvenile offenders.
- **Be informed of any and all proceeding** including any post conviction actions. You also have a right to be present at these proceedings.
- **A reasonable disposition** and prompt, and final conclusion of the case.

Other services which the Victim Advocate may offer assistance with are: Crisis intervention; Emotional support; Answers to questions about the criminal justice system; Current information regarding your case; Preparation for court appearances; Support during trial appearances.

Cases involving certain offenses are transferred to the Court of General Sessions for prosecution. If your case is transferred, a Victims Advocate working in the Solicitor’s Office will contact you. The phone number for the Horry County Solicitor’s Office is (843) 243-1318.