

Case Report Number _____

Officer _____ Date _____

A NOTE FROM CHIEF LEDFORD:

If you have been identified as a victim of crime covered by the N.C. Crime Victims' Rights Act, you are afforded certain rights under North Carolina Law. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 15A-831(a) the information in this brochure is provided for your benefit.

Please read the information contained in this brochure carefully. It provides important information concerning your rights as a victim of crime.

If you need medical services, please contact your personal physician or ask the investigating officer to help you locate a local medical facility that can provide the appropriate services. If an emergency medical condition subsequently arises, call 911.

You may inquire about the status of your case by contacting the Shelby Police Department at (704) 484-6845. Please refer to the number assigned to your case. Once you are notified of an arrest in connection with your case, you may contact the Cleveland County Detention Center at (704) 484-4889 to determine whether or not a defendant has been released from custody.

The Shelby Police Department is committed to providing information and quality service to the citizens of the City of Shelby. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

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**A Guide for Victims of
Crime in Shelby**

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 this page, along with the name of the officer who made the report. If you contact the police department about your incident, refer to this case number.

QUESTIONS?

Call
Shelby Police Department
(704) 484-6845

Kathy Gamble
Victim Witness Assistant
Cleveland Co. District Attorneys Office
(704) 484-4971

Office of District Attorney
100 Justice Place
Shelby, North Carolina 28150
(704) 484-4872

In immediate danger, call 911

AN INNOCENT VICTIM OF CRIME MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Medical Bills Funeral Expenses
- Lost Wages Household Support Loss

For further information:

N. C. Crime Control and Public Safety
Division of Victim and Justice Services
Post Office Box 29588
Raleigh, NC 27626-0588
1-800-826-6200 or (919) 733-7974
or Kathy Gamble, Victim Witness Assistant
(704) 484-4971

PRE-TRIAL RELEASE: When an accused is arrested in connection with your case, he or she will be taken before a Magistrate for determining the conditions of pre-trial release. A magistrate will determine the pre-trial release conditions based on the type of crime charged, the defendant's prior history, and the risk of flight posed by the defendant. The defendant may be released on his own recognizance (a defendant promises to return for court), into the custody of a responsible adult, or by posting a bail bond that is set by the magistrate. With regard to individuals charged with domestic violence offenses, a Judge will determine the conditions of pre-trial release for these defendants. A defendant in domestic violence cases may be held for up to 48 hours from the time of arrest in order to allow a Judge to determine conditions for release. If a Judge is unable to set the conditions of release within 48 hours of the arrest, a magistrate will determine the conditions of release.

If you are the victim of domestic violence, don't keep it a secret, call the police. Assault, even by family members, is a crime. Leave, or have someone come and stay with you. Go to a battered women's shelter. If you believe that you or your children are in danger, leave immediately. Get medical attention from your doctor or emergency room. Ask the staff to photograph your injuries and keep detailed records in case you decide to seek legal action. Contact your Clerk of Court for information about a civil protection order that does not involve criminal charges or penalties. Call the Domestic Violence 24-hour Crisis Hotline, Abuse Prevention Council, Inc. (704) 481-0043.

POLICY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR HANDLING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

- ⇒ *There is a no drop policy before the Court Date.*
- ⇒ *The D. A. will not drop cases solely because the prosecuting witness no longer wishes to prosecute.*
- ⇒ *If an officer brings the warrant, the D. A. will not drop cases without first consulting with the officer.*
- ⇒ *The D. A. will not drop cases solely because a civil agreement has been reached.*
- ⇒ *The D. A. will evaluate each and every case on its own merits. This means that if there is not enough evidence to proceed with a case, the case must be dropped.*
- ⇒ *Although the D. A.'s primary goal is the prosecution of crimes, he also endeavors to gain help for the family to prevent the repetition of the criminal acts. Therefore he will accept plea agreements that include counseling programs such as DAVID and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs.*

Domestic Violence Misdemeanors covered under Crime Victims' Rights Legislation:

- ✓ Simple Assault or Simple Assault & Battery or participates in a simple affray
- ✓ Assault Inflicting Serious Injury or Using a Deadly Weapon
- ✓ Assault on a Female
- ✓ Assault by pointing a gun
- ✓ Domestic Criminal Trespass
- ✓ Stalking (first offense)
- ✓ Stalking (offender under Court Order prohibiting similar behavior)

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