



## Who We Are

To seek justice, to act with integrity, and to work with our partner agencies to protect the citizens of the Towaliga Judicial Circuit and the State of Georgia. To prosecute professionally and competently; to treat all people courteously, and respectfully; to advocate for the rights of victims; and above all to make our community a safer place for all its residents.

Georgia Crime Victims' Compensation Program 800-547-0060

<http://crimevictimscomp.ga.gov/>

Georgia Office of Victim Services (Corrections, Parole, Community Supervision Victim Notification)

<https://pap.georgia.gov>

### Call us today & ask for a Victim Advocate:

Butts County: 770-504-2407

Lamar County: 770-358-5152

Monroe County: 478-994-7652

Website: <http://towaligada.com/>



Justice.  
Integrity.  
Advocate.

**Towaliga Judicial Circuit**

**Jonathan L. Adams,**

**District Attorney**

**Serving Butts, Lamar &**

**Monroe Counties**

### Other Important Numbers:

Butts County Sheriff's Office  
770-775-8216

Jackson Police Department  
770-775-7878

Lamar County Sheriff's Office  
770-358-5159

Barnesville Police Department  
770-358-1244

Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
478-994-7048

Forsyth Police Department  
478-994-6022

C.A.R.E. Cottage  
478-994-7287

Haven House  
24 Hour Crisis Line 770-954-9229

Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia  
24 Hour Crisis Line 478-745-9292

Southern Crescent Sexual Assault & Child  
Advocacy Center Crisis Line 770-477-2177

Crescent House Child Advocacy Center  
478-633-7044

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### ***VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM***

***General Information for Victims of Crime***

***Crime Victims' Bill of Rights***

***O.C.G.A. Title 17, Chapter 17 &***

***The Constitution of the State of Georgia***

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All victims of crime have certain basic rights in a criminal case.

\*The right to reasonable, accurate, & timely notice of any scheduled court proceedings or any changes to such proceedings;

\*The right to reasonable, accurate, & timely notice of the arrest, release, or escape of the accused;

\*The right not to be excluded from any scheduled court proceedings, except as provided in this chapter or as otherwise required by law; or a separate waiting area;

\*The right to be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea or sentencing of the accused;

\*The right to file a written objection in any parole proceedings involving the accused;

\*The right to restitution, return of property, and crime victims' compensation as provided by law;

\*The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;

\*The right to be treated fairly & with dignity by all criminal justice agencies involved in the case;

\*The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney in any criminal prosecution related to the victim;

**\*All victims, wherever practicable, shall be entitled to notification;**

**Here's what you have to do to opt in:**

\*No such notification shall be required unless the victim provides a current address and telephone number to which such notice can be directed. Providing an email address is optional as an alternate means of communication. This information should be provided to the investigating law enforcement agency, the prosecuting attorney, the Georgia Office of Victim Services and the local custodial authority (city or county jail).

\*If a victim has properly requested notification of court proceedings & they are not given notice of a hearing or the opportunity to be heard, the victim may file a motion in the criminal case within 20 days of the hearing asking to be heard. The Court can hold a hearing and issue an order.

(The law does not allow for a cause of action against the State, create a right to appeal, a right to challenge a verdict or sentence, a right to participate as a party in a case or restrict the authority of the court to maintain order in the courtroom.)

\*The victim has the option to waive any of these rights or designate a spouse, adult child, parent, sibling or grandparent to act on his or her behalf, when the victim is physically unable to personally exercise these rights.

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***The criminal justice system can be overwhelming & confusing. We can assist you through this process!***

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\*The court has victim information but can require counsel (defense attorneys) and officers of the court to NOT transmit or allow transmission to the defendant of the victim's address, telephone number, or place of employment.

\*Victims has the right to agree or refuse to be interviewed by the accused, the accused's attorney, or anyone who represents you or contacts you on behalf of the accused. If you agree to be interviewed, YOU can set the conditions regarding the time, date, location, participants, etc... You can terminate the interview at any time.