

"81% of protective orders are granted
when a Victim Advocate helps."
- Court Watch 6/27/2019

VINE

VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) is a free service that allows you to anonymously check an offender's custody status by phone, website, or mobile app. If you would like to be notified of an offender's custody status/release, you can register by calling 1-866-634-8463 (TTY users call 1-866-847-1298); by going to www.vinelink.com; or by downloading the VINELink mobile app to your phone.

Please use the box below to help you keep track of useful criminal case information.

Offender Name: _____

Offender Number: _____

Case Number: _____

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office
- Montgomery County Police Department
- Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
- Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships
- Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
 - *Homeless Prevention Services
 - *Shelter Services
 - *Child Welfare Services
 - *Adult Protective Services
 - *Montgomery County Crisis Center
- Family Justice Center (FJC)
- TESS Community Action Center
- Shady Grove Medical Center
- Hispanic United for Maryland
- Casa de Maryland
- House of Ruth, Maryland
- Catholic Charities
- Jewish Social Service Agency (JCADA)
- Korean Community Service Center
- Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
- Interfaith Community Services
- Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)
- Child Advocacy Center- Treehouse
- Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
TRAUMA SERVICES**

VICTIM ADVOCATES

1301 Piccard Drive, Suite 4100
Rockville, MD 20850
(240) 777-1355

TTY Maryland Relay (for hearing impaired):
Dial 7-1-1

24/7 Hotline
(240) 777-HOPE (4673)

**Help for survivors of crime in
Montgomery County, Maryland**

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

Victim Advocates can connect you with resources, serve as your liaison at the hospital, to various criminal justice agencies, support you during exams, police reporting, court hearings and help to ensure you have a voice in the criminal justice process.

A thorough intake is conducted to determine needs and eligibility. The victim advocate will work with you to ensure you meet your individual goals.

VICTIM ADVOCATE CAN HELP WITH

- Crisis intervention.
- Safety planning.
- Victim rights education.
- Assistance navigating the criminal justice system, including
 - *Court accompaniment and support
 - *Filing for a peace or protective order
 - *Filing criminal charges
 - *Providing case updates
 - *Registering for VINE
 - *Communicating with the police and the State's Attorney's Office
 - *Victim impact statements
- Community referrals and information.
- Hospital accompaniment and support.
- Assistance with applying for compensation of crime-related losses with Trauma Services and with the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB).



VICTIM ADVOCATE

VICTIM COMPENSATION

If you, or a member of your family has been the victim of a crime, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the Montgomery County Crime Victim Compensation Fund and from the Maryland State Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB). The Victim Compensation Program can help you pay for crime-related, and non-reimbursed expenses.

It is important to note that not all expenses incurred are covered, and claimants must meet specific qualifications.

Potential Expenses:

- Medical Bills
- Wage/Income Loss
- Funeral and/or Burial Expenses
- Mental Health Counseling
- Property Loss
- Safety Repairs

COMPENSATION ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Must be a victim of a crime committed in Montgomery County, or a resident of Montgomery County who is a victim of a crime in another jurisdiction where comparable compensation is not available.
- Must have reported the crime to the police within 48 hours.
- Application must be filed within 90 days of crime, or 90 days of knowledge of the Montgomery County Crime Victim Compensation Fund. This time limit can be waived in appropriate circumstances.
- For CICB claims, the application must be filed within three (3) years of the date of the crime.
- You cannot have participated in the crime
- Must cooperate with law enforcement/prosecutors.
- Must meet income-eligibility for Montgomery County Crime Victim Compensation Fund. For the Maryland State Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB), there are no income eligibility requirements.
- Must use all other available reimbursement sources first.

