

VICTIM RIGHTS

In order to receive the following rights, they must be requested by you:

1. You have the right to privacy while in all medical facilities and while seeking medical attention.
2. You have the right to petition the court for an Order of Protection.
3. You have the right to request the court keep your physical address and personal telephone number confidential.
4. You have the right to your own attorney during all court proceedings.
5. You have the right to notice of all court proceedings.
6. You have the right to contact the Prosecutor's Victims' Witness Coordinator.
7. You have the right to be present at all hearings where the defendant is present.
8. You have the right to responsible protection before, during, and after all court proceedings.
9. If available, you have the right to be provided a separate waiting area, before, during, and after all court proceedings.
10. In criminal proceedings, you have a right to request restitution be sought through the prosecutor's office.
11. You have the right to provide a victim impact statement at the sentencing hearing.
12. You have the right to be notified on the status of the alleged or convicted offender. www.vinelink.com
13. You have the right to be provided with an interpreter during all court proceedings.
14. If the victim is a minor, incapacitated, or deceased, a member of the victim's family may exercise these rights.

Your Case Information:

Report # _____

Officer: _____

Date/Time: _____

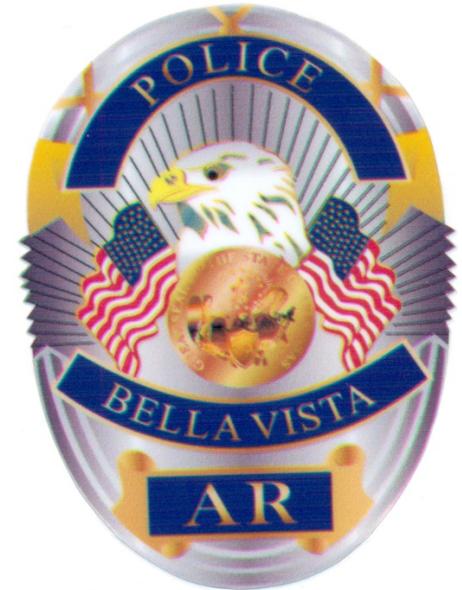
Notes: _____

Public Records pertaining to this case can be obtained by contacting the Bella Vista Police Department at 479-855-3771.

It is important to keep in contact with the Bella Vista Police Department regarding your case. If you move or change your phone number, please notify the Bella Vista Police Department.

Domestic Violence Laura's Card

No one should have to live with abuse. Help is available to stop the cycle of violence.



Bella Vista Police Department
105 Town Center
Bella Vista, AR 72714

Phone: 479-855-3771

Domestic Violence is a Crime

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior that one person uses to gain or maintain **power and control** over an intimate partner, household member, or blood relative.

Domestic Violence can include:

- Physical Violence
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional or psychological abuse
- Financial/economic abuse
- Threats
- Intimidation
- Child Abuse
- Animal Abuse
- Any behaviors which frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone.

Domestic Violence can happen to anyone. It can happen to couples who are married, living together, dating, or have children together. It can happen to relatives or roommates. It can happen to people of all economic backgrounds and education levels.

If someone is abusing you or someone in your household, you do not have to accept it. It is a crime.

ORDER OF PROTECTION QUALIFICATIONS:

You are eligible for an order of protection if you are in immediate danger of domestic abuse and you and the person you are filing against:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Are married
- Are divorced
- Live together or have lived together
- Are related by blood
- Have a child together
- Are dating or have dated in the past

A parent/guardian may also file on behalf of a child under 18 years of age. For more information on filing for an order of protection, please contact the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter or the Victim Assistance Program at the Benton County Prosecutor's Office.

Safety Planning

Having a safety plan can help protect you and your children in case of an emergency. Below are some tips for safety planning. For more assistance with safety planning, call the Victim Assistance Program at the Benton County Prosecutor's Office at 479-271-1030 or the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter at 479-246-9999 (24 hours).

Safety during a violent incident:

1. Keep a cell phone with you and keep it charged at all times. If you do not have a cell phone, you can get an emergency (911) phone from the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter.
2. Tell your neighbors that you have a problem and ask them to call the police if they hear a disturbance.
3. Plan a "code word" with children or family and friends so they know to call for help. Teach children to call 911.
4. Prepare an escape plan.

Safety when preparing to leave:

- Leave extra keys, important documents, medicine and clothing with someone you trust.
- Memorize important phone numbers.
- Know the quickest route out of your home (including doors, windows, elevators, stairwells) and practice escaping that way.
- Know where you will go or who you will stay with. Make a plan to get there after you leave.

Safety planning after separation:

1. Ask neighbors to call police if they see the abuser's car near your home.
2. Keep your cell phone charged and on you at all times.
3. Don't answer the door if you do not know who is there.
4. Don't answer phone calls from numbers you don't recognize.
5. Keep the people you trust informed of your whereabouts.
6. Make sure your doors and windows are locked at all times.

Helpful Contacts

Police (non-emergency):

Bella Vista Police-----479-855-3771
Bentonville Police-----479-271-3170
Benton County Sheriff-----479-273-5532
Rogers Police-----479-636-4141
Siloam Springs Police-----479-524-4118
Benton County Central Communications for all other cities in Benton County-----479-273-5532

If you or someone you know needs shelter or other services:

Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter (Benton County 24 hr Crisis Line)--479-246-9999 or 1-800-775-9011
Peace at Home Family Shelter (Washington County 24 hr Crisis Line)--479-442-9811 or 1-877-442-9811
National Domestic Abuse Hotline---1-800-799-7233
Salvation Army-----479-271-9545

If you or someone you know has been raped or sexually assaulted:

NW Arkansas Rape Crisis (Adult) ---1-800-794-4175

If you know of or suspect child abuse:

Child Abuse Reporting Hotline-----1-800-422-4453

For suicide, mental health, substance abuse, or other crisis:

Arkansas Crisis Center-----1-888-274-7472

For Runaway Teens:

Teen Runaway Hotline-----1-800-786-2929

For legal assistance:

Legal Aid of Arkansas-----1-800-952-9243

For other resources:

United Way of Arkansas 211-----2-1-1

Victims Assistance Programs:

Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Program:
www.arkansasag.gov -----1-800-488-3014
Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)
www.vinelink.com -----1-800-510-0415
Victim Assistance Program at the Benton County Prosecutor's Office-----479-271-1030