## VICTIM SERVICES helpful numbers

#### Crime Victims' Compensation Program

**Crime Victim Services Division** Office of the Texas Attorney General (800) 983-9933

**Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse Texas Department of Criminal Justice** (800) 848-4284

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (888) 918-2272

Texas Council on Family Violence (800) 525-1978

National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-SAFE(7233)

Women's Advocacy Project Family Violence Legal Line (800) 374-HOPE(4673)

Child and Elder Abuse Hotline Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (800) 252-5400

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (800) 843-5678

Texas Rural Legal Aid (800) 369-0574

Family Law Hotline (800) 777-3247



& Notification Everyday

Access to Information & Notification for Offender Custody Status Court Hearings

VINE is an automated service that allows you to track the custody status of offenders or court hearings over the phone or Internet. You can also register to be notified by phone and email if an offender is released, transferred, or escapes; or register to be notified by phone and email about changes in the status of a court event.

Victims have the right to know.



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There are five main service areas or programs within the Crime Victim Services Division: Crime Victims' Compensation Program; Address Confidentiality Program; Planning, Policy and Program Development; Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services; and Statewide Automated Victim

Services Division

#### CRIME VICTIMS' Compensation

Notification System.

If you are a victim of violent crime, you may be eligible for reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses related to the crime. Please check our web site or call for information and an application form.

Office of the Attorney General P.O. Box 12198 Austin, Texas 78711-2198

(800) 983-9933 Statewide (512) 936-1200 in Austin (512) 936-1800 Fax

www.texasattorneygeneral.gov

Toll-free (877) TX4-VINE (877) 894-8463 www.vinelink.com

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> **Toll-free** (877) 894-8463



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CUSTODY Information

Call (877) 894-8463 or visit **www.vinelink.com** and follow the instructions to access custody information.

#### Registration

If the offender is in custody, you can register to receive notifications.

If registering a phone number, you will be asked to create a four-digit personal identification number (PIN) that will be used to confirm that the call was received. Make sure your PIN is easy to remember.

#### Notification

You will be notified about the following events: Release, transfer, escape, or death

When VINE calls, listen to the message, then enter your PIN followed by the pound (#) key when asked. Entering the PIN lets the service know that you received the call and will stop the service from calling you again.

#### COURT Information

Call (877) 894-8463 or visit **www.vinelink.com** and follow the instructions to access court information.

#### Registration

If the offender is in custody or has a case pending, you can register to receive notification.

If registering a phone number, you will be asked to create a four-digit personal identification number (PIN) that will be used to confirm that the call was received. Make sure your PIN is easy to remember.

#### Notification

You will be notified of the following events: Upcoming court events such as parole hearings, or changes in scheduled court events.

When VINE calls, listen to the message, then enter your PIN followed by the pound (#) key when asked. Entering the PIN lets the service know that you received the call and will stop the service from calling you again.

Do not rely solely on VINE for your safety. Make this service a part of your overall safety plan.

#### THINGS to remember

#### If you feel you are in danger, call 911 immediately.

- Since VINE calls automatically when an offender's custody status changes, you may get a call from VINE in the middle of the night.
- If you do not answer a notification call, VINE will leave a message. If there is no answer, VINE will continue calling back until you enter your PIN or until up to 48 hours have passed.
- Do not register a phone number that rings to a switchboard.
- VINE is confidential. The offender will not know you are registered with VINE.
- You can register multiple phone numbers and email addresses for notifications.
- If you forget your PIN, call the toll-free number (877)
  894-8463 and press zero. You will be transferred to an operator who can help you reset your PIN or cancel notification.
- VINE Operators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you.

# RECORD information here

Write down the following information, tear off this panel, and keep in a safe place:

Offender's First Name

Offender's Last Name

Offender's Number

Your Case Number

Your Four-Digit PIN

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