

Franklin County State's Attorney

Victim Services

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS AND FAMILIES

Restitution can be an important part of a criminal case. As the victim in this case, you may be eligible to receive restitution for certain out-of-pocket expenses you may have incurred as a result of this crime. The ultimate decision on how much restitution will be ordered is made by the Court. However, this office can assist the Court in making a decision by providing it with detailed and accurate information regarding your loss.

The following is an example of some information that could be needed in order for you to request restitution.

PROPERTY DAMAGE/LOSS : If you have suffered property damage or loss a copy of the repair bill, estimate and /or receipts. For estimates, make sure that the name, address and phone number of the person who prepared the estimate is attached to the information.

MEDICAL EXPENSES: Copies of all medical bills including any prescription medication receipts, if any. Do not include the "Explanation of Benefits: from your insurance company. Please send copies of the actual itemized bill. Also, please keep in mind criminal cases can take month to resolve. Therefore, it is important to work with your medical providers regarding payment so you are not sent to a collection agency.

INSURANCE: This office will need to know if you are filing a claim with an insurance carrier. Provide the name and address of your insurance company. Include the amount of your deductible and the amount of any payments already made by this insurance company. If you receive Medicare/Medicaid benefits, please note that when turning in your information. If you do not have any insurance note that as well.

LOST WAGES: By law this office cannot collect lost wages as restitution. This may be claimed if you qualify for Crime Victim Compensation, from the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

It is important to keep in mind the defendant may not be ordered to pay restitution as they may be found not guilty. Even if the defendant is **ORDERED** to pay restitution, it may take years for the restitution to be paid. However, once restitution is ordered we will make every reasonable attempt to collect it for you.

Additionally, you may be eligible for Crime Victim Compensation through the Attorney General's Office. The program is separate from restitution and is not collected by this office. It only covers certain violent crimes, but does cover lost wages and other things not included in restitution. For more information regarding this program you may see the information below, contact an advocate or go directly to the Illinois Attorney General's website by clicking here. (<http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/index.html>)