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Community Resources:

Voices of Crime Resource Center 1.800.842.8467

www.1800victims.org

National Center for Missing & Exploited

Children 1.800.THELOST (1.800.843.5673) www.missingkids.org

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) - Victim **Services Help Line**

24-hour phone line: 1.877.623.3435 State Office: 1.916.481.6233 www.madd.org

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1.916.856.2900 www.cashsacramento.org

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Educate our community on behalf of victims and survivors of crime to ensure that in the pursuit of criminal justice reform, the survivors are not forgotten, and the voices of victims are heard.

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Be the voice for all victims of crime through:

- Advocacy on a local, state and national level
- Ensuring that the voices of victims are included in legislation, enforcement, funding and services that will help victims obtain justice
- Community engagement



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Voices for Victims will:

- Meet with local, state, and federal leadership to share the impact of victimization on communities.
- Provide awareness to our communities through education and outreach on the criminal justice process, including giving voices to victims in any proposed justice reform legislation and solutions.
- Seek solutions in collaboration with local and state leadership in assisting survivors and victims to help put their lives back together.



Scan QR code for full Marsy's Law **Bill of Rights**



Prior to the voters passing the "Victim's Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law" on November 4, 2008, law enforcement and the courts were not required to inform or involve victims of violent crimes in the court proceedings. Additionally, victims and their family members were not given notice that the perpetrator of the crimes against them or their family members would be released.

After passage of Marsy's Law, law enforcement agencies and courts are required to provide notice to them of the Victim's Bill of Rights and refer victims to the Victim Witness program in their county. Victim Witness programs ensure the Victim's Bill of Rights are upheld in the criminal justice system while providing much needed supportive services to victims of violent crimes. (Govt. Code section 13962)

Marsy's Law changed California's constitution (§ 28, Article I), which now solidifies the Victim's Bill of Rights during criminal, juvenile and parole matters. Furthermore, Marsy's Law changed Penal Code sections 3041.5 and 3043 to expand victims' rights in parole proceedings for prisoners sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. It applies to all hearings for the purpose of setting, postponing, or rescinding a life prisoner's parole dates.

If you have been a victim of a crime please call 916.874.5701

Ways to cope with trauma:

- Talk to someone you trust
- Accept help
- Avoid placing harmful labels on yourself
- Journal to help release some of the intrusive thoughts
- Spend time with people you care about
- Give yourself permission to feel sad, angry, hurt, etc.
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