

BRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

VICTIM REFERENCE FORM

The Refuge Network/Black Dog Shelter

– A 24-hour advocacy service for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. The Refuge gives support and can help victims with safety in their shelter, obtaining an Order for Protection, and other support issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Phone Number – (763) 689-3532 (24-hours)

Isanti County Victim Services

– A 24-hour support service from the county attorney's office that helps victims deal with the legal process and keeps victims informed about the status of the case against the offender. Victim Services also give support and referrals. Phone Number – (763) 689-2253 (Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or (763) 254-0060 (After Hours Pager)

Isanti County Attorney's Office

– The County Attorney's Office is responsible for bringing charges against the offender. If you have questions about the case against the offender, or you want to inform the attorney on the case of your concerns, you can contact victim services and they will provide that information to the attorney. Phone Number – (763) 689-2253 (Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

VINE/Minnesota Choice – These are a free, anonymous, computer-based service that allows all victims of crime to receive information about the custody status of the offender. VINE tells you which jail facility is housing the offender and when he/she will be released. Minnesota Choice tells you which correctional facility (prison) is housing the offender and when he/she will be released. VINE and Minnesota Choice allow the victim to leave a phone number where he/she may be reached, and the service will call automatically when the offender is released, transferred, or escapes. To use these services, call this number and follow the directions. (MN Statute 244.052; MN Statute 244.053; MN Statute 611A.06; MN Statute 629.73) (MN Statute 611A.02 et seq.; MN Statute 629.341; MN Statute 629.72); Phone Number for VINE – 1-877-MN-4-VINE; Website for MN Choice – www.minnesotachoice.com

Safe at Home – Helps survivors of crime who fear for their safety by establishing a confidential mailing address. It helps survivors go about their daily lives without the risk of their abusers discovering their actual address. (Minn. Statute 5B.03); Phone Number – (651) 201-1399 (Toll Free – 1-866-723-3035) or www.sos.state.mn.us

Financial Assistance to Victims

– Emergency Fund – Contact Isanti County Victim Services at (763) 689-2253
Restitution – Contact Isanti County Victim Services at (763) 689-2253
Reparations – Contact Isanti County Victim Services at (763) 689-2253 or the Office of Justice Programs, Crime Victims Reparations Board at (651) 201-7300/
www.ojp.state.mn.us

Other Resources

- Identity Theft – Contact 1-888-400-5530 toll free, no cost victim assistance
Hate Crime – Outfront Minnesota – 1-800-800-0350 or www.outfront.org;
Office of Justice Programs – www.ojp.state.mn.us;
Minnesota Alliance on Crime – www.mnallianceoncrime.org
Tenant/Landlords – MN Attorney General - 1-800-657-3787; Lakes and Pines – 1-800-832-6082 (MN Statute 504B.205; MN Statute 504B.206)
Crisis Services - 320-396-2015; 1-888-396-2015; 24-Hour Mental Health Crisis Line: 1-800-523-3333
U-Visa/T-Visa – Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota – 1-800-223-1368; www.ilcm.org

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you can ask the city or county attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse.

The order could include the following:

- 1) an order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse;
- 2) an order directing the abuser to leave your household;
- 3) an order preventing the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment;
- 4) an order awarding you or the other parent custody of or parenting time with your minor child or children; or
- 5) an order directing the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A CRIME, the prosecutor may ask for a no contact order at the initial hearing ordering the offender to have no contact with you or your residence.

IF AN OFFENDER IS ARRESTED, they may be released on bond or some other form of release. Victims should not rely upon an arrest as a guarantee of safety.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, you can go to the hospital and have a sexual assault examination done. The victim will not incur any out-of-pocket expenses for this examination. The victim also has the option to report to law enforcement or not. The sexual assault kit is held by the hospital for 6 months which allows the victim to report to law enforcement at a later time. You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting a harassment restraining order at no cost to you.

The order could include the following:

- 1) An order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse;
- 2) An order preventing the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment;

IT IS THE DECISION OF THE OFFICER to arrest the offender or not.

IT IS THE DECISION OF THE PROSECUTOR to bring charges against the offender. The prosecutor will consider the victim's requests when charging and proceeding with the case but it is the prosecutor's decision on how to proceed.

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Isanti County Sheriff – 763-689-2141
Cambridge Police – 763-689-9567
Isanti Police Department – 763-444-4761

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

ICR Number: _____

Officer: _____

Officer ID Number: _____