

ANGELINA COUNTY NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

It is a crime for any person to cause you any physical injury or harm.

*****Please tell the investigating peace officer if you have been injured or if you feel you are going to be in danger when the officer leaves or at a later time.*****

You have the right to:

- (1) obtain a forensic medical examination within 120 hours of the assault to collect potential evidence and receive preventative medications, even if you decide not to make a report to a law enforcement agency;
- (2) anonymously track or receive updates regarding the status and location of each item of evidence collected in your case;
- (3) have a sexual assault program advocate present during a forensic medical examination;
- (4) have a sexual assault program advocate or other victim's representative present during an investigative interview with law enforcement;
- (5) ask the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person who assaulted you; and
- (6) if a defendant is arrested for a crime against you involving certain sexual crimes, stalking, or trafficking:
 - *****(A) request an order for emergency protection to be issued by a magistrate; and
 - *****(B) apply to a court for a permanent order to protect you (you should consult a legal aid office, a prosecuting attorney, a private attorney, or the Family Crisis Center of East Texas).

For example, the court can enter an order that prohibits the person who assaulted you from: (1) committing further acts of violence; (2) threatening, harassing, or contacting you or a member of your family or household; and (3) going near your place of employment or near a child care facility or school attended by you or a member of your family or household.

You cannot be charged a fee by a court in connection with filing, serving, or entering a protective order.

Important Contact Information:

If you have questions about the status of your case or need assistance, you may contact the Lufkin Police Department's crime victim liaison at 936-633-0335. You may contact Lieutenant Wesley Waggoner with the Angelina County Sheriff's Office at 936-639-8747 if your case occurred outside of the city limits but within the county.

If you would like to speak with someone in the prosecuting attorney's office, you may call 936-632-5090.

Call the Family Crisis Center of East Texas at 936-639-1681 if you need assistance or wish to speak with an advocate. You may receive a sexual assault forensic medical examination by contacting the Family Crisis Center of East Texas 24-hour hotline at 1-800-828-7233.

To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline call 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).

If you are having a mental health emergency, please contact the Burke crisis hotline at 1-800-392-8343.