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Addendum to Victim Rights Brochure

**CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA**

Article I

Declaration of Rights

**Section 16, Paragraph (b)
"Marsy's Law"**

To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to achieve justice, ensure a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems for crime victims, and ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded criminal defendants and juvenile delinquents., every victim is entitled to the following rights:

- (1) The right to due process;
- (2) The right to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse;
- (3) The right, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused;

(4) The right to have the safety of you and your family considered in bail or release decisions;

(5) The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass you or your family or which could disclose confidential or privileged information;

(6) Upon request, the right to be notified and present at criminal and juvenile justice proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole of the accused. The right to be notified about the release or escape of the accused;

(7) The right to provide your views to the court at first appearance;

(8) The right to prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence in the case;

(9) The right to full and timely restitution;

(10) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;

(11) The right to be informed of your rights.

Records Exemption Request

If you wish to request that your personal information or records be exempt from public records, you must complete and submit a Records Exemption Request. Form will be provided upon request.

As used in this document, a "victim" is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed. The term "victim" includes the victim's lawful representative, the parent or guardian of a minor, or the next of kin of a homicide victim, except upon showing that the interest of such individual would be in actual or potential conflict with the interests of the victim. The term "victim" does not include the accused.

Please refer to the Florida State University Police Departments Victim Rights Brochure to help you understand your rights within the criminal and juvenile justice systems.