

Obtaining a Temporary Protective Order

Sexual assault victims may apply to the Contra Costa Superior Court for a Temporary Protective Order. Depending on the victim's circumstances, one of the following protective orders may apply:

- **Domestic Violence Restraining Order**
www.cc-courts.org/restraining-orders/domestic-violence.aspx
- **Civil Harassment Restraining Order**
www.cc-courts.org/restraining-orders/restraining-orders.aspx

Information about these orders can be found at the above listed web page for the Superior Court of Contra Costa County. Assistance is also available at Superior Court of California – Contra Costa County – 925-608-1000

Obtaining Information about the Investigation, Evidence, and Prosecution

Victims may contact the Martinez Police Investigations Division supervisor at 925-372-3450 to request the results of the analysis of the victim's sexual assault forensic evidence.

Victims may contact the Martinez Police Department Police Records Division, Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm, 525 Henrietta St. Martinez CA. 94553, 925-372-3440, to make a written request for a free copy of the initial crime report related to the sexual assault, regardless of whether the report has been closed. A law enforcement agency may redact personal, identifying information in the copy furnished to the victim.

Victims may make a written request to the Contra Costa District Attorney's Officer at 900 Ward St. Martinez CA. 94553, Phone 925-597-2200 to obtain the convicted defendant's information on a sex offender registry if the defendant is required to register as a sex offender.



Martinez Police Department

Sex Assault Victim Card

680.2 PC

Case # _____

Officer _____

Support for Victims

The Martinez Police Department is committed to minimizing the trauma experienced by sexual assault victims, aggressively investigating sexual assaults, quickly pursuing the arrest and conviction of suspects, and protecting the safety of the victims and community.

Victims have the right to have a sexual assault counselor and at least one other support person of the victim's choosing present at any initial medical evidentiary examination, physical examination, or investigative interview. Victims may contact a sexual assault counselor, 24 hours a day through Community Violence Solutions (CVS), at 925-706-4290 or <https://cvsolutions.org>

The Investigating officer will contact CVS and request assistance from a sexual assault counselor. The CVS sexual assault counselor's role is to advocate for the victim, provide crisis intervention services, information to the victim and family, and provide appropriate referrals.

About Medical/Physical Examinations

Sexual assault victims are not required to participate in the criminal justice system or to receive a medical evidentiary or physical examination in order to retain their rights under law. Medical and physical examinations take place at a designated hospital by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.

In sexual assaults, contact between the suspect and the victim, or his/her environment, or both may leave evidence, which is transferred from the suspect to the victim, to the scene, and vice versa. Biological evidence is sometimes the only way to provide the occurrence of sexual contact and to identify the suspect. Biological evidence can be washed away or be unable to be collected over a short amount of time. If the sexual assault is within 96 hours, of the report and biological evidence may be present, the investigating officer will make a decision of whether or not to request a forensic medical examination. Other Physical examination may be requested to establish and document chronic sexual abuse or past injuries.

Sexual assault forensic evidence will be submitted to the laboratory to be tested within the time periods prescribed by Penal Code Section 803.

About Medical/ Physical Examination

Martinez Police Department Property and Evidence Section will retain the sexual assault forensic evidence for at least 20 years, or if the victim was under 18 years old at the time of the alleged offense, at least until the victim's 40th birthday.

Victim Assistance and Compensation

- **Contra Costa County Victim Witness Assistance Program** can assist with understanding the criminal justice process and victim's rights.

900 Ward Street
Martinez, CA 94553
P-925-957-8650

VWAssist@contracostada.org

- **The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB)** can help pay bills and expenses that result from violent crime. Victims of crime who have been injured or have been threatened with injury may be eligible for help. CalVCB Helpline: 1-800-777-9229. FAX 1-866-902-8669