

## *If You Are A Victim*

*If you are a victim of a violent crime, you may need assistance with physical, emotional, or financial problems that confront you. Also, you may have questions regarding the criminal justice process and your role in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Please contact our Victim Service Unit (VSU). Our staff is available to help you.*

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## *If You Need Protection*

*If you are being threatened or intimidated by the accused, please contact the VSU. We have shelters and safe housing available for your protection. Also, you may contact the investigator or the prosecutor assigned to your case and inform him or her of the threats or intimidation.*

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## *If You Need Special Services*

*If you have been victimized by violent crime, you may require special emergency services. A list of victim service agencies is provided for your convenience.*

## **Emergency Services**

### **COUNSELING**

TAGS (Trauma and Grief Support).....770-233-2809  
Lasting Impact Ministries.....678-603-1086  
Touch of Healing .....678-688-3133  
Nancy Anderson.....770-480-1365

### **CHILD ABUSE**

Advo-Kids CASA (Ext. 21).....770-229-3116  
Spalding County DFACS.....770-228-1386  
Georgia Council on Child Abuse AKA  
Prevent Child Abuse Georgia.....404-870-6565

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Promise Place .....770-692-3333  
Christian Women's Center .....770-227-3700  
Georgia Coalition Against DV.....404-209-0280  
Haven House .....770-954-9229

### **ELDER ABUSE**

Adult Protective Services .....888-774-0152

### **HOMICIDE/SUICIDE**

Compassionate Friends .....877-969-0010  
Nat'l. Coalition of Homicide Survivors...520-740-5729  
Suicide Hotline .....800-273-8255  
Parents of Murdered Children .....513-721-5683  
The Link Counseling .....404-256-9797  
770-541-1114

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Southern Crescent  
Sexual Assault Services.....770-477-2177  
Georgia Network to End  
Sexual Assault.....404-815-5261

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Alcoholics Anonymous .....404-525-3178  
Narcotics Anonymous.....888-677-8810  
Midway Recovery.....770-227-8975  
McIntosh Trail MH/DD/AD .....770-358-5252  
MADD.....770-615-3737

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Spalding Collaborative .....770-228-9330  
spaldingcollaborative.com

### **REPORT ALL CRIMES TO:**

Spalding County Sheriff's Office.....770-467-4282  
Griffin Police Department.....770-229-6450  
Georgia State Patrol.....770-229-3410

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# *Victim Service Unit*



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Dear Citizen:

The Citizens of Spalding County are very important to me. Unfortunately, personal and violent crime is a reality in Spalding County. However, victims do not have to suffer the consequences of such crime alone; the Spalding County Sheriff's Office has created a Victim Service Unit (VSU) which is a first-responder, crisis intervention unit specifically created for victims of personal and violent crime. This unit services these individuals at their point of need. This unit operates by money raised through crime victim's court fines and fees, grants, and fundraising within the community.

The VSU responds to citizens by providing an advocate who will evaluate the victim's situation and refer that individual to a variety of empowering resources in the county that can assist in the healing process. At the time of crisis, VSU can assist with emergency food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities as needed. This unit's mission is to support victims, help them heal from the effects of violent crime, and become more self-sufficient, or to simply answer questions.

After the crime occurs, VSU realizes that the time spent before the court date is often very stressful and frustrating. Because the judicial system is very intimidating to someone who is not familiar with it, advocates with VSU work very closely with advocates from the court system to assist in the legal proceedings. VSU provides case information such as names, addresses, and telephone numbers of victims and family members to the District Attorney's Office and to the Solicitor's office. An advocate from one of these offices will contact the victim and assist him or her through the process of responding to this incident in court.

For more information about the VSU, or to inquire about services, please contact the unit directly at 770-467-5453.

Sincerely,  
*Sheriff Darrell Dix*

## Victim Services Unit (VSU)

Victims of crime, experience a variety of challenges. Problems victims encounter often include physical, emotional, financial, spiritual, relational, legal, and employment. The Victim Service Unit has been created to help address the problems for innocent crime victims. The following services are available:

### Victim Services

Services Provided	Explanations
Crisis Response and Intervention	provides on-site service to help victims with immediate needs
Education	provides information regarding the criminal justice process
Referral	furnishes information regarding service agencies in the community which may provide assistance
Support Group	sponsors trauma and grief support groups for victims and victim survivors
Court Accompaniment	accompanies victims to court to answer questions regarding the proceeding, to insure proper security, and to provide emotional support
Compensation	assists victims in filing Crime Victim Compensation
Victim Impact Statements	assists in preparing victim impact statements and submits to prosecution and courts (explaining the impact of the crime on victims and their families)
General Assistance	extends general assistance to victims and their survivors as needed