

**ALABAMA LAW ENTITLES  
CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT  
SURVIVORS TO THE  
FOLLOWING RIGHTS:**

All state, county, and municipal justice agencies and courts in Alabama are required to perform certain duties to ensure that your rights are upheld. Some of these rights include:

- A list of local emergency and crisis services;
- The name and phone number of the officer and agency handling your report;
- The procedural steps in a criminal prosecution;
- The availability of victim's compensation benefits;
- A listing of your rights as a victim, including a form to help you assert your rights;
- The existence and eligibility requirements of restitution and compensation; and
- A recommended procedure in case you are subjected to threats or intimidation as a victim.

*(PLEASE READ THE BACK OF THIS BROCHURE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VICTIM RESOURCES AND CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION).*



DETECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: 334-501- \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOURCES**

**SAFE HARBOR  
(AVAILABLE 24/7)**  
Phone: 334-844-7233  
safeharbor@auburn.edu  
[www.auburn.edu/safeharbor](http://www.auburn.edu/safeharbor)

**AUBURN TITLE IX COORDINATOR**  
Phone 334-844-4794  
[www.auburn.edu/titleIX](http://www.auburn.edu/titleIX)

**STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES**  
Phone 334-844-5123  
[www.auburn.edu/scs](http://www.auburn.edu/scs)

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CLINIC**  
Phone: 334-844-4416  
[www.auburn.edu/aumc](http://www.auburn.edu/aumc)

**EAST ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER  
(AVAILABLE 24/7)**  
Phone: 334-749-3411

**EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
Phone: 1-800-925-5327

**RAPE COUNSELORS OF EAST ALABAMA**  
Phone: 334-705-0510  
[www.rapecounselorsofeastalabama.com](http://www.rapecounselorsofeastalabama.com)

**LEE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**  
Phone: 334-737-3446  
[www.leecountyda.org](http://www.leecountyda.org)

**ALABAMA CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION**  
Phone: 1-800-541-9388  
[www.acvcc.state.al.us](http://www.acvcc.state.al.us)



**SEXUAL ASSAULT  
INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE**

**REACHING OUT TO  
SURVIVORS**



"IT IS THE POLICY OF THE AUBURN POLICE DIVISION TO APPLY PROACTIVE INVESTIGATIVE METHODS AND TO FULLY INVESTIGATE REPORTED CRIMES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT..."

**AUBURN POLICE DIVISION  
DETECTIVE SECTION  
141 NORTH ROSS STREET  
AUBURN, ALABAMA 36830**

Detectives: 334-501-3140  
Tip Line: 334-246-1391  
APD Non-Emergency:  
(AVAILABLE 24/7) 334-501-3100  
Emergency: 911

City of Auburn Website: [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org)



*IT MUST BE CONSIDERED THAT EACH CASE IS UNIQUE IN CIRCUMSTANCES AND EVIDENTIARY/INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES. THEREFORE, THE INFORMATION IN THIS BROCHURE IS NOT AN ALL-INCLUSIVE GUIDELINE/CHECKLIST FOR SEXUAL ASSAULTS. MORE SO, IT IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN OVER VIEW, SO THAT THOSE WHICH MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS WILL HAVE SOME INSIGHT INTO THE INVESTIGATIVE AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURES OF THESE TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS.*

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Sexual assault investigations typically include both a preliminary and subsequent in-depth interview with the victim. The preliminary interview is intended to establish the elements of the crime(s) and identify any and all witnesses, suspect(s), evidence and crime scene(s).

Witnesses and complainants will be briefly interviewed at the scene, and appointments for giving a more in-depth written statement will be made, if necessary.

A forensic examination is crucial to the investigation; however, a victim does have the right to decline consent to any part or all of the examination. Also, the clothing worn by the victim during the incident and in some instances, the clothing worn after the incident should be collected immediately (preferably during the examination). If a drug-facilitated sexual assault is suspected, it is critical that a urine sample is obtained as soon as possible. Also, depending on the time frame of the assault, a blood sample may prove vital.

When it is determined that a forensic examination will be conducted, a victim's advocate or a support person if so chosen by the victim shall be allowed to be present in the room. Any survivor/victim that is unwilling to undergo a forensic examination is encouraged to seek medical attention to include testing for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases or infections.

Coordination between the Lee County District Attorney's Office and the Detective assigned to the case will be conducted throughout the investigative and criminal prosecution process. During this process, charges if applicable, will be determined. Also, a determination will be made of whether sufficient probable cause exists for the warrant to be issued (for cases wherein the suspect has been identified).

If the offense is determined to be a misdemeanor, the assigned detective will coordinate with the Magistrate or Judge of the Municipal Court and determine if sufficient probable cause exists for the victim to sign a warrant. If so, the victim will be notified. If a warrant is issued the suspect will be arrested and a court date will be set.

If the offense is determined to be a felony with sufficient probable cause for an arrest, the victim will be notified. The suspect will be arrested if a warrant is signed by the victim.

After a felony arrest, the suspect has a right to a preliminary hearing, wherein, witnesses may be called to testify. This hearing is set before a Judge to determine or ensure that sufficient probable cause exists for the case to be reviewed by a Grand Jury. If the case is presented to a Grand Jury, the victim and the witnesses may be called to testify before the Grand Jury Panel. The victim will be notified by the case detective or the Lee County Litigation Officer after a decision is made by the Grand Jury. If the Grand Jury decides that the facts in the case have sufficient probable cause, an arraignment will be scheduled and the suspect/ defendant will be required by the court to enter a plea. After the plea is entered the trial process may begin.

## FEDERAL LAW ENTITLES CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS AND THOSE ACCUSED TO THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- I. Both have the same opportunity to have an advisor of their choice present throughout the disciplinary proceedings.
- II. Both parties shall be informed simultaneously of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding. At no time can a survivor be required to keep the outcome confidential.
- III. Survivors shall be notified of:
  - a. The importance of preserving evidence that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order;
  - b. How and to whom the alleged offense should be reported;
  - c. Options about the involvement of law enforcement and campus authorities, including the option to:
    - Notify proper law enforcement authorities;
    - Be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement authorities if the survivor so chooses; and
    - Decline to notify such authorities;
  - d. Where applicable, the rights of survivors and the institution's responsibilities for orders of protection, "no contact" orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil or tribal court or by the institution;
  - e. The following services available on- and off-campus: counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and any other services available for survivors;
  - f. Options for, available assistance in and how to request changes to academic, living, transportation and working situations (regardless of whether the survivor reports the crime to law enforcement);
  - g. Procedures for institutional disciplinary action;
  - h. How the institution will protect the confidentiality of survivors and other necessary parties.
- IV. Survivors may obtain a free forensic exam (also known as collection of a rape kit) from East Alabama Medical Center.