

**31-26-9. Procedures for providing victims with notice of rights and information regarding prosecution of a criminal offense; district attorneys.**

A. Within seven working days after a district attorney files a formal charge against the accused for a criminal offense, the district attorney shall provide the victim of the criminal offense with:

(1) a copy of Article [2](#), Section [24](#) of the constitution of New Mexico, regarding victims' rights;

(2) a copy of the Victims of Crime Act;

(3) a copy of the charge filed against the accused for the criminal offense;

(4) a clear and concise statement of the procedural steps generally involved in prosecuting a criminal offense; and

(5) the name of a person within the district attorney's office whom the victim may contact for additional information regarding prosecution of the criminal offense.

B. The district attorney's office shall provide the victim with oral or written notice, in a timely fashion, of a scheduled court proceeding attendant to the criminal offense.

**History:** Laws 1994, ch. 144, § 9; 2005, ch. 283, § 3.