

Meeting with Law Enforcement or Prosecutors

A quick checklist for advocating for yourself in systems' settings

- ☐ You can ask about options for meeting locations. The meeting location does not always have to be at the police station or the DA's office.
 - ☐ What does a safe location look like for you?
 - ☐ Can you meet at a public business, community center, or your home?
 - ☐ If meeting in person is not safe, ask about meeting virtually.
- ☐ If you have a Victim Advocate, they should ask about transportation needs. If they have not, you can ask them about things like:
 - ☐ Bus pass
 - ☐ Taxi
 - ☐ Reimbursements for travel costs
 - ☐ Childcare options/assistance
- ☐ Please note that the Bias Response Hotline may be able to help with these costs if the Victim Advocate cannot.
- ☐ What other accessibility needs do you have? Are language interpretation services needed?
- ☐ Who do you want to be in attendance with you as a support person?
- ☐ Ask who else will be present in the meeting/hearing.
- ☐ Do you want to designate someone as the main point of contact for follow-up?
- ☐ What questions do *you* have for *them*? Make a list and take your time going through it.
 - ☐ You can take a pen and paper with you to write down responses or questions.
- ☐ Ask about their knowledge on hate crimes and bias incidents.
- ☐ Ask if the meeting is going to be recorded or not. Let them know your comfort level with this.
- ☐ What constitutional and statutory victim rights are available to you?

- ☐ Ask about how your privacy will be protected.
- ☐ If you have additional incidents that occur, ask about how you can report them.
- ☐ Request their contact information and case numbers if you need to get in contact with them again.