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- a. Crime victims' rights laws, specify what rights, victims, who report crimes to law enforcement, have, as their cases progress through the investigation, prosecution, appeal, and incarceration, of the convicted offender.
- b. When they exist, victims' rights laws commonly express these principles.
- c. A victim of crime has the right to:
 - (1) Be treated with dignity and respect;
 - (2) Be reasonably protected from the accused;
 - (3) Be notified of court proceedings related to the case;
 - (4) Restitution from the convicted offender; and
 - (5) Submit a victim impact statement at sentencing and information about the arrest, charging, conviction, sentencing, and release of the offender.
- d. **International Principles** – there are a variety of international instruments related to the plight of victims of crime. Most are in the form of non-binding declarations that articulate the rights of crime victims and the types of assistance that should be provided. See the U.N. Declaration Basic Principles Of Justice For Victims Of Crime And Abuse Of Power 40/43 of November 29, 1985 and/or to Crime Victims Rights and Services Tab in the "Consular Assistance to Victims of Crime Resource Notebook " on the CA/OCS Intranet feature.

Victims should be treated with compassion and respect and granted justice for the harm suffered.