How the Police Can Help If You Have Been Assaulted

Do I have to talk to the police? And what are the benefits if I do?

No. You do not have to talk to the police, but you may want to. You can have an advocate with you to help you understand your choices and the process. e police can collect evidence for use in the future, even if you don't want to do anything right now. ey can determine if the assailant is a known perpetrator. If you have a protection order or no-contact order, the police can help enforce it. Early identication of evidence and potential witnesses will be very helpful, if you choose to move forward with an investigation at some future date.

You have the right to a sexual assault examination performed at state expense.

What are my options?

You have the choice:

- To participate in an investigation now, later, or never.
- To talk now, later, or never.
- To give your name now, later, or never.
- To give basic information about the incident or not.
- To give a full description (a statement) now or in the future to start an investigation.

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What will happen?

e role of the police is to investigate crime and protect the public. e police will ask to speak with you so that they can explain their role and your options. If you provide them your name and contact information, they will call you to set up a time to give a statement in the next few days. If no name is given, they will not contact you. ey will give you their card

Your Rights Under Iowa Law

You have the right to ask the court for help with any of the following on a temporary basis:

- Keeping your attacker away from you, your home, and your place of work.
- e right to stay at your home without interference from your attacker.
- e right to seek a no-contact order under section 664A.3 or 915.22, if your attacker is arrested for sexual assault.

You have the right to register as a victim with the county attorney under section 915.12.

You have the right to le a complaint for threats, assaults, or other related crimes.

You have the right to seek restitution against your attacker for harm to you or your property.

You have the right to apply for victim compensation.

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You have the right to contact the county attorney or local law enforcement to determine the status of your case.

If you are in need of medical treatment, you have the right to request that the o cer present assist you in obtaining transportation to the nearest hospital or otherwise assist you.

If you believe that police protection is needed for your physical safety, you have the right to request that the o cer present remain at the scene until you and other a ected parties can leave or until safety is otherwise ensured.

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You also have the right to request the presence of an advocate at any proceeding related to the o ense. is includes but is not limited to medical examinations, law enforcement investigations, pretrial court hearings, trial and sentencing proceedings.

What resources are available to help me?

G innell Police Depa tment 641-236-2670 or 911 emergency response (24 hours)

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