Your Constitutional Rights

Michigan's Constitution outlines the following as some of the rights of crime victims:

- You have the right to be treated with fairness, respect, dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- You have the right to a timely court process.
- You have the right to be reasonably protected when you attend court dates.
- You have the right to notification of court date changes in your case.
- You have the right to attend all court dates pertaining to the case.
- You have the right to make a statement at sentencing (see section entitled Victim Impact Statement).
- You have the right to restitution and/or crime victim compensation (see section entitled Crime Victim's Compensation).
- You have the right to know about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of the defendant (see Michigan Crime Victim Notification Network brochure).
- You have the right to request that the prosecuting attorney consult with you about the case, your concerns, plea negotiations and/or court dismissals.

Reference: Crime Victim's Rights Act 1985