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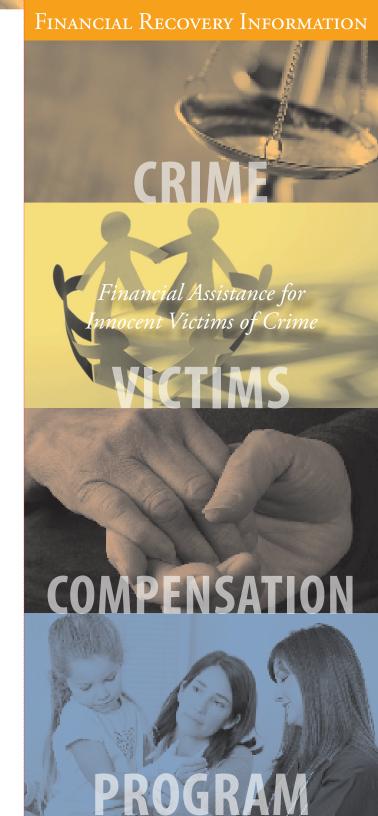
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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

## WHY DOES THE PROGRAM SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES PAID ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS?

The Idaho Crime Victims Compensation Program provides assistance to victims for financial losses associated with a crime when other resources are not available to cover those expenses. The program believes that offenders should be held accountable for costs associated with their criminal activity. The Financial Recovery Division works cooperatively with the courts to hold offenders financially responsible by aggressively seeking reimbursement through restitution and subrogation. Funds recovered by the program are used to provide assistance to victims of crime throughout Idaho.

### WHAT IS RESTITUTION?

Restitution is money the offender is ordered to pay to the criminal court to reimburse the victim(s) for out-of-pocket expenses related to the crime. The judge presiding over the criminal case will determine how much the offender is to pay and to whom.

### WHO IS ENTITLED TO RESTITUTION?

When the program makes payments on behalf of a victim, the program is considered a victim under the law because they have incurred an economic loss in relation to the crime. After the program makes pay-

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ment on behalf of the victim, notification is sent to the prosecutor requesting reimbursement through restitution. The victim of the crime may also seek restitution for reimbursement of expenses not covered by the program. Documentation related to these expenses should be sent directly to the prosecutor's office as soon as they are incurred.

#### HOW DOES THE PROGRAM COLLECT RESTITUTION?

The agency responsible for collecting restitution payments from offenders is different in each county. Each county is responsible for distributing restitution payments to victims listed on the order. The prosecutor's office for your county (see back panel) can tell you who is responsible for collecting restitution in your area. Each restitution order may be converted to a civil judgment, to extend the life of the order and to utilize the civil courts to help with collection. Each order must be certified by the Clerk of the Court, sent to the Recorder's office for recording, and renewed and recorded every five years.

To ensure the offender satisfies their outstanding debt, the program routinely files civil judgments. The program will monitor the case to ensure the offender is making payments. If payment ceases, the program will initiate aggressive collection action, which may include garnishing wages and/or seizing assets.

#### WHAT IS SUBROGATION?

Subrogation is the program's legal right to reimbursement from any monetary settlement that a victim receives as a result of the crime. The program shall be reimbursed the amount paid in benefits, less a proportionate share of attorney fees and costs.

When the program receives notice of a potential suit, the victim and their attorney will be advised of the program's

subrogation lien. The program will only seek reimbursement for expenses paid on behalf of the victim. The law precludes involved parties from developing a settlement that prevents the program from receiving reimbursement.

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS RESTITUTION AND SUBROGATION?

When restitution is ordered in a criminal case and there is a civil settlement on the same case, the program will seek reimbursement for all economic loss from both sources. If the program pays a proportionate share of attorney fees and costs related to the civil suit or settlement, it remains at an economic loss and will attempt to recover that loss through restitution.

#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS AN INSURANCE POLICY?

If the crime involves a vehicle or occurs in a private home, the victim may be eligible for benefits from an automobile or home owner's insurance policy. Some auto policies offer potential payment under the following policy provisions:

- Bodily injury liability
- Medical payments
- Uninsured motorist
- Underinsured motorist
- Disability

If the victim receives payment from any source and the program has paid benefits on behalf of the victim, the victim or their representative should contact the program to discuss repayment. Failure to comply may result in more aggressive collection action.

Please see Section 27-1023, Idaho Code, for details regarding the program's subrogation lien.

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