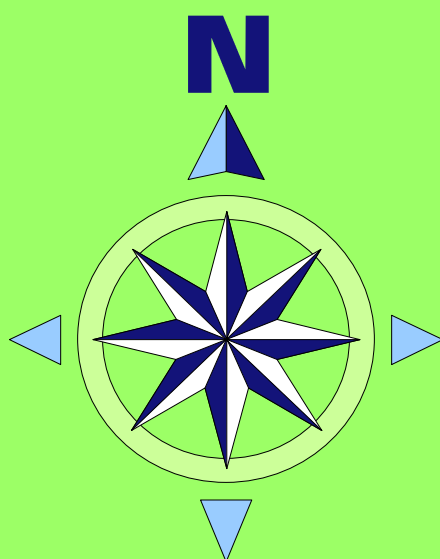


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# A Handbook for Crime Victims



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Wakayama version  
"Kisyu no Gyutto-chan"

This leaflet provides the following information to victims.

- \* Police investigation and procedure
- \* What will the police ask you to investigate the case
- \* Support services available to victims and contact list of consultation

We hope this leaflet helps you.

Please feel freely to contact us

## Victim Support Officer

(被害者支援員)

Police Station (警察署)

Division (課)                  Section (係)

Name (名前)

☎Tel

Ext. (内線)

## Detective in charge of your case

(連絡捜査員)

Police Station (警察署)

Division (課)                  Section (係)

Name (名前)

☎Tel

Crime Victim Support Office, Police General Consultation Division,  
Wakayama Prefectural Police Headquarters

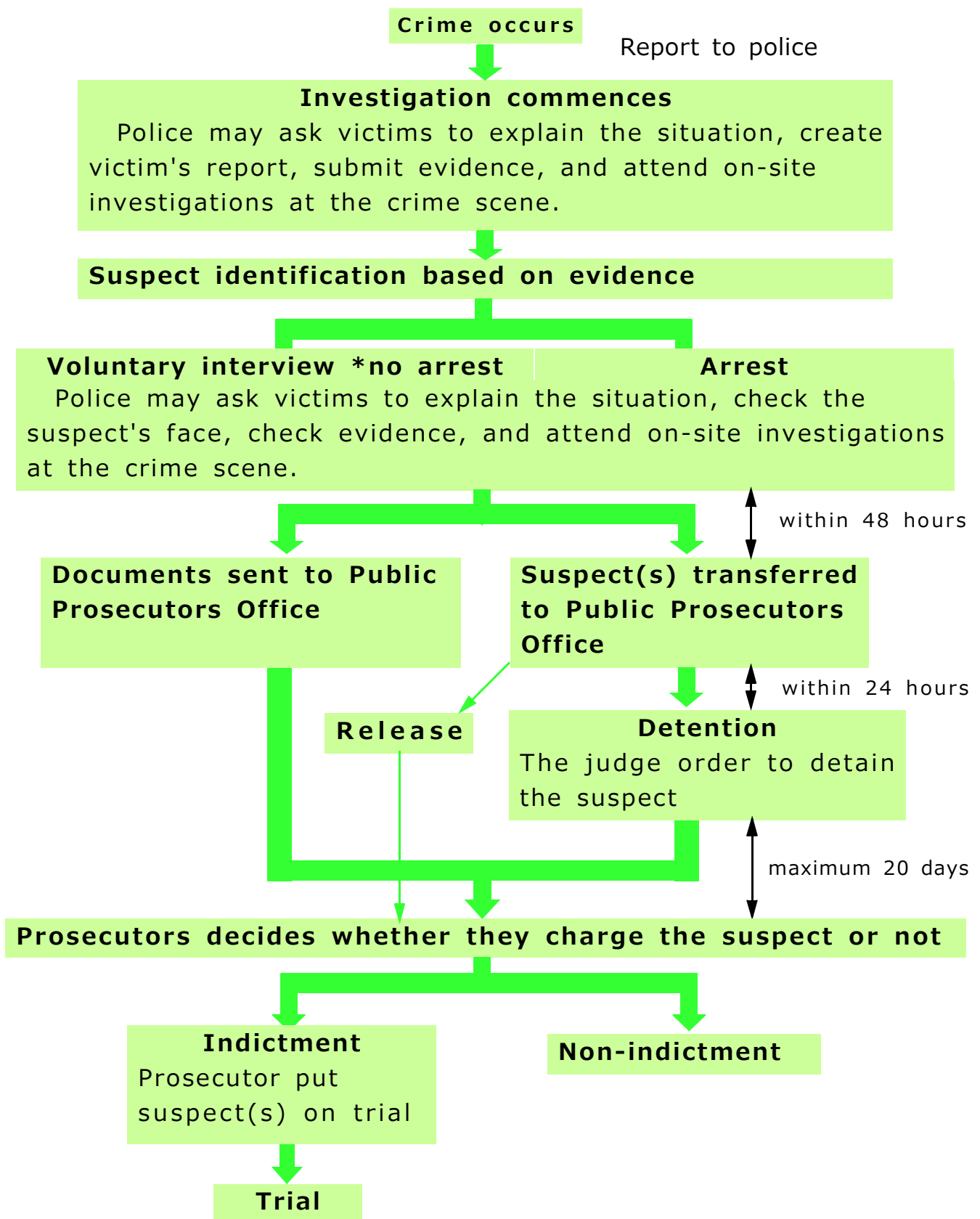
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Opening times : Mon-Fri / 9:00-17:00

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## Criminal Procedure ~from the occurrence to the trial~

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\*When a offender is under 20 years old, the juvenile trial procedure may be applied.

# Police Support systems

## Benefit system for crime victim

Victims are compensated by the national government under a benefit system.

- For bereaved family members (Survivor Benefit)
- For victims left disabled (Disability Benefit)
- For victims who suffer a serious injury or illness  
(Serious Injury or Illness Benefit)

### 【Reduction or adjustment of the benefit】

In case the offender may make a profit from the compensation benefit or the victim, also, is to blame for the case, All or part of the benefit may not be paid. Some adjustment will be conducted when the victim is to be paid by public compensation or compensation for damage.

## Victim Notification System

The detective in charge of your case will notify you of following information.

- Investigation progress
  - The suspect's name and age when they are identified
  - The prosecutor's office where the police sent the suspect
  - The disposition of the case
  - The location of the trial etc.
- ◆ In accordance with the request of the victim, police officers working at a police box or at a residential police box will visit them in order not to be involved in another crime or to ease their worries.
- \* Some victims don't want to recall the case or to be informed of the progress of the investigation. If you don't want to be informed, feel freely to tell us.

## Victim Support Officers

Victim support officers carry out following activities to ease the victim's worries caused by the crime.

- Accompanying victims to hospital and coordinating with the doctor
- Accompanying victims to on-site investigations, police questioning and other investigations
- Consulting victims about their worries
- Introducing and arranging nongovernment victim support organizations

### Publicly financed support system

Police pay for following expenses to ease the burdens of victims.

- Counseling by a psychologist
- The morning-after pill
- A rent for the temporary shelter
- Body transportation fee after the judicial autopsy

### Support for Sexual Assault Survivors

Sexual assault impairs the dignity of victims and causes harsh damage to the victim's body and even the victim's mind.

To lighten the mental burden on victims, Police provide support for victims, for example, consulting, collecting evidence, returning evidence and accompanying victims to hospital by a police officer whose gender is designated by victims.

For further inquiries, contact the police station near by, Police Consultation Line #9110, Sex Crime Victims Consultation Line #8103, Kinokuni Victim Support Center or Sexual Assault Crisis Healing Intervention Center Wakayama (Wakayama mine)

### Support for Juvenile victims

Juveniles tend to suffer more serious psychological damage than adults and keep their painful feelings in themselves.

Police cooperate with juvenile support organizations such as Juvenile Support Center and consider juveniles' features and help juveniles to relieve their psychological pain and assist their rehabilitation.

For further inquiries, contact the police station near by or Juvenile Support Center (Tel: 073-423-0110, mail address: e8205001@pref.wakayama.lg.jp)

#### Our request

Please note that police may ask victims and their family members to cooperate following things.

#### 【Police questioning】

Investigators question you about the case.

Prosecutors and Judges may ask you similar questions too.

#### 【Evidence submission】

Police may ask you to submit victim's clothes or belongings as evidence to back up our investigation.

#### 【Attending on-site investigations】

you may be asked to attend on-site investigation.

# Victim Support Organizations

## Kinokuni Victim Support Center

Kinokuni Victim Support Center provides the following services for victims and their families.

- Consultation by telephone or in person
- Escort support to hospitals, courts and police stations
- Introduction of the victim self-help groups (bereaved family association).

Tel : 0 7 3 – 4 2 7 – 1 0 0 0

Opening times : Mon-Fri / 10:00-16:00

Sat / 13:00-16:00

\*except for national holidays and the year-end and New Year holidays

## Wakayama Prefectural Center for Removal of Criminal Organizations

Wakayama Prefectural Center for Removal of Criminal Organizations provides the following supports to victims damaged by a organized crime.

- Loan of the costs for civil lawsuits and/or for the restoration
- Lump-sum payment to victims

Tel : 0 7 3 – 4 2 2 – 8 9 3 0

Opening times : Mon-Fri / 9:00-17:00

## The Inhabitant of a Prefecture Living Department, Wakayama Prefectural Office

Wakayama prefectural government provide the following supports to victims, their families and the bereaved.

- Free lawyer consultation
- Loan for living expenses

Tel : 0 7 3 – 4 4 1 – 2 3 5 0

Opening times : Mon-Fri / 9:00-17:45

\*except for national holidays and the year-end and New Year holidays

## Support by the prosecutor's office and the court

### ☐ **Victim Notification System**

**(For further inquiries : The public prosecutor's office in charge of your case)**

When victims and their families request, they will be notified of following information by the public prosecutor's office.

- the disposition of the case
- the date and place of trial
- the outcome of the trial                      etc.

### ☐ **Victim Participation System**

**(For further inquiries : The public prosecutor's office in charge of your case)**

Victims and their bereaved families are able to attend the criminal trial as "victim participants." Examples of this system are as follows.

- You can question the defendant(s) or witness(es).
- You can express your opinion regarding the penalty or fact.

### ☐ **Restitution Order System**

**(For further inquiries : The court in charge of your case)**

Victims or their bereaved can request the court to order the criminal defendant(s) to pay compensation of damages caused by a intentional offense (murder, bodily injury etc.)

### ☐ **Victim observer of the juvenile trial**

**(For further inquiries : The family court in charge of your case)**

Victims or their bereaved damaged by a intentional offense (murder, bodily injury etc.) or negligent driving causing death or injury may be allowed to be present in the family court.

Consultation organizations	Consultation services	Phone number
Wakayama District Prosecutor's Office (Victim Hotline)	Damage caused by a crime Inquiry about criminal cases	0 7 3 – 4 2 2 – 4 0 2 9
Wakayama Bar Association	Law	0 7 3 – 4 2 2 – 4 5 8 0
Japan Legal Support Center (Houterasu)	Legal information Civil law support	0 5 0 – 3 3 8 3 – 5 4 5 7
Wakayama Spousal Violence Counselling and Support Centers	Domestic violence	0 7 3 – 4 4 5 – 0 7 9 3
Sexual Assault Crisis Healing Intervention Center Wakayama (Wakayama mine)	Sexual assault	0 7 3 – 4 4 4 – 0 0 9 9