

Kern County District Attorney's Office

Victim Services Unit



Restitution

What is Restitution?

All persons who suffer losses as a result of criminal activity have the right to restitution from the person(s) convicted of the crimes for losses they suffer.

Economic losses include the following:

- Funeral expenses
- Lost wages
- Medical and counseling expenses
- Lost or damaged property
- Other direct out-of-pocket expenses

The above list is not exhaustive. Penal Code section 1202.4(f)(3) states:

To the extent possible, the restitution order shall be prepared by the sentencing court, shall identify each victim and each loss to which it pertains, and shall be of a dollar amount that is sufficient to fully reimburse the victim or victims for every determined economic loss incurred as the result of the defendant's criminal conduct.

Defendant's right to dispute Restitution

The defendant has the right to a hearing to dispute the amount of restitution. Documentary evidence is important in establishing the amount of restitution to be ordered by the court. A form is included to assist you in keeping track of your losses. It is important to be as accurate and complete as possible when listing your expenses and attach copies of any bills or other proof that you have paid expenses or expect to in the future.

If you need assistance with completing and submitting the attached forms or have any questions, please contact your Victim Advocate.