Other Services Offered by the District Attorney’s Victims’ Assistance Unit

- Victim of Crime Applications
- Information about the criminal justice process
- Crisis intervention
- Notification of criminal justice events
- Victim Impact Statement assistance
- Assistance with restitution
- Prosecution interview advocacy/escort
- Criminal advocacy
- Referral to other victim service programs

Victim Witness Assistance Program
142 W. Alisal Street, Suite A
Post Office Box 1131
Salinas, CA 93902
(831)755-5072

California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB)
The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) can help pay bills and expenses that result from violent crimes. Victims of crime who have been injured or have been threatened with injury may be eligible for assistance.
CalVCB Helpline: 1-800-777-9229
Phone: 1-866-902-8669

Accredited non-profits, in the community, available to help with U-Visa’s:
Catholic Charities
1705 Second Avenue
Salinas, CA 93905
(831)422-0602

UFW Foundation
118 E. Gabillan Street
Salinas, CA 93901
(831)758-2611

Law Enforcement Agencies in Monterey County:
- California Highway Patrol
  960 E Blanco Road, Salinas CA 93901; (831)770-8000
- CSU Monterey Bay Police
  100 Campus Center, Seaside CA 93955; (831)582-3360
- Carmel Police Department
  Juniper Ave & 4th Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923;
  (831)624-6403
- Del Rey Oaks Police Department
  650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940;
  (831)394-9333
- Gonzales Police Department
  109 4th Street, Gonzales, CA 93926; (831)675-5010
- Greenfield Police Department
  599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927; (831)674-5111
- King City Police Department
  415 Bassett Street, King City, CA 93930; (831)386-5910
- Marina Police Department
  211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, CA 93933; (831)884-1210
- Monterey County Sheriff’s Office
  1414 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93906; (831)755-3722
- Monterey Police Department
  351 Madison Street, Monterey, CA 93940; (831)646-3830
- Pacific Grove Police Department
  580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950;
  (831)648-3143
- Presidio of Monterey
  4468 Gigling Road, Ord Milcom, CA 93944;
  (831)242-6215
- Salinas Police Department
  222 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, CA 93901; (831)758-7090
- Sand City Police Department
  1 Sylvan Way, Sand City, CA 93955; (831)394-1451
- Seaside Police Department
  440 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955; (831)899-6748
- Soledad Police Department
  236 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960; (831)223-5120

U-Visa and I-918B Certifications

General information for:
Victims and Representatives

Monterey County
District Attorney’s Office
Jeannine M. Pacioni
District Attorney
# I-918 Supplemental B Certification

## U-Visa

The purpose of the U-visa is to give victims of qualifying criminal activities, who have been helpful with law enforcement, temporary legal status and work eligibility in the U.S. for up to 4 years.

An individual may be eligible for a U-visa if he/she:

- Is the direct or indirect victim of a qualifying criminal activity.
- Has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of criminal activity.
- Has information about the criminal activity.
- Was helpful, is being helpful, or is likely to be helpful to law enforcement throughout the investigation/prosecution.

Additionally, certain family members of a U-visa recipient may also be eligible to live and work in the United States as “derivative” U-visa recipients based on their relationship with the principal recipient.

The following are examples of qualifying crimes:

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## Did You Know?

An individual can choose to self-represent themselves throughout the U-visa application process. However, it is recommended that you hire a legal representative to assist you with the process. Representatives will review your case with you and submit a certification request to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The U-visa application requires that you include a certification, called I-918 Supplemental B, signed by an authorized law enforcement agency. Form I-918B is a required document of evidence to confirm that a qualifying crime has occurred and that the victim was, is being, or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of their case. Form I-918B and its instructions are available on the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) website: www.uscis.gov

Before selecting an attorney to assist you with your U-visa, you can check the attorney’s legal status by going on to: www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys

To verify if an organization is Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited through the Office of Legal Access Programs you can look for their name on the: www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports webpage.

An immigration consultant is not an attorney, but they are allowed to provide very limited immigration services after complying with certain requirements. An immigration consultant cannot give legal advice and cannot claim to have special influences or make guarantees without a factual basis. However, they can complete forms you have previously chosen to complete and can assist in obtaining supporting documents.

You can verify if an immigration consultant is bonded and has an active status by going to: www.specialfilings.sos.ca.gov/ics

## Certifying I-918B Forms

- **Did You Know?**
  - When petitioning for a U-visa, you (if you are self-represented), or your representative, must submit the I-918B request to one of the following agencies:
    - Law enforcement agency to which you reported the incident to.
    - District Attorney’s Office, if your case was forwarded to this agency for prosecution.
  - The appropriate agency will review the request and case file/crime report to determine whether there was a qualifying crime and whether there was cooperation from the victim.
  - By signing an I-918B form, the official is certifying that the qualifying criminal activity occurred and that the victim was helpful/cooperative to law enforcement.
  - Upon receiving the certification, you or your representative should then submit the completed U-visa application to USCIS for processing.
  - For detailed instructions and requirements on how to submit an I-918B certification request to this agency, please visit our website: www.co.monterey.ca.us/da

*The I-918B certification is only valid for 6 months after the date that it was signed. If it is not mailed to USCIS within that time frame, a new certification will be required.

For questions regarding I-918B procedures at the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office, or to submit a request, please contact:
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Phone: 831-755-5085
Fax: 831-755-5003
gaytan-leonn@co.monterey.ca.us