## San Bernardino County Probation Department

**Procedures Manual** 

# **Release of Information to Victims**

### 418.1 RESPONSIBILITIES:

#### Juvenile:

Civil Code Section 1714.1 places liability upon the parent or guardian having custody and control of a youth for all purposes of civil damages resulting from willful misconduct. A standing Juvenile Court order signed by Judge James A. Edwards on 6-5-92 states in relevant part: The Probation Officer may release to the victim of crimes committed by youthful offenders, for which an application for petition has been received and for the purpose of pursuing Civil Court action, the following information:

- 1. Name of parents of youth
- 2. Address of parents of youth
- 3. Police report number

#### Adult:

In 1982, the people of the State of California voted for and passed the Victims Bill of Rights (Article 1, Section 28 of the California Constitution). It states restitution must be ordered in every case where a person is convicted and a victim suffers a loss.

PC 1202.4(3)(i) and PC 1214 allow for a restitution order to be enforced as a civil judgment.

PC 1191.2 requires the Probation Officer to provide the victim with information concerning the victim's right to civil recovery. This shall be effected by providing the victim with a brochure prepared by the State Board of Control, presently entitled <a href="How to Enforce Your Restitution Order as a Civil Judgment">How to Enforce Your Restitution Order as a Civil Judgment</a>. Additionally, the Probation Officer shall, upon request, provide the victim with any and all relevant information about the defendant and the case that might prove useful in recovering restitution.