

MITCHELL POLICE DIVISION

CHAPTER 37

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE

PURPOSE: The policy of the Mitchell Police Division is that the victims and witnesses of crimes will be treated with fairness, compassion, and dignity. The Mitchell Police Division is committed to referring the victims to appropriate agencies to deal with their needs.

Examples of referrals:

1. Domestic abuse and victims of sexual abuse - Mitchell Area Safehouse
2. Emotionally disturbed/Mental Illness - Dakota Counseling Institute
3. Family needs to include neglect and abuse to elderly assistance - Department of Social Services.
4. Financial Assistance for property, medical and counseling - SD Victims Compensation program.
5. Help with restitution for victims where an arrest has been made - Davison County States Attorney and Court Service for the 1st Judicial Circuit.
6. Alcohol Abuse – Stepping Stones