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**FREE BILINGUAL COMMUNITY EVENT:  
WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS IF THE VICTIM OF A CRIME?  
¿CUÁLES SON SUS DERECHOS SI ES VÍCTIMA DE UN DELITO?**

The Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, or CJCC, invites you to the next Community Justice Forum, to be held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 28th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. The forum, titled “What are your rights if the victim of a crime? ¿Cuáles son sus derechos si es víctima de un delito?” includes Victim Advocates from the following agencies:

- Bernadette B. Brown, Probation, Parole and Pardon Office
- Susan Paitl, Probation, Parole and Pardon Office
- Catrice Smalls, Charleston Police Department
- Jackie Miller, Folly Beach Police Department
- Karen Bing, Charleston County Sheriff’s Office
- Spally Taylor, North Charleston Police Department
- Teri Porcel, Ninth Circuit Solicitor’s Office

Rev. Rich Robinson, Executive Director of Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, will be the moderator for this program. This event includes live English to Spanish interpretation by Angeles Mackenzie. Interested community members should register for the forum here: <https://bit.ly/CJF0228>. This event is free and open to the public.

“Victims’ voices are needed to help balance the scales of justice,” stated Teri Porcel, Victim Witness Coordinator with the Ninth Circuit Solicitor’s Office.

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***About the CJCC***

*The CJCC is a collaboration of elected and senior officials, law enforcement leaders, judicial and court leadership, behavioral health professionals, victim and legal advocates, and various community leaders working in service of the Charleston community. The mission of the CJCC is to assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to Charleston County’s criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and community well-being. The CJCC is currently jointly funded by Charleston County and a Safety + Justice Challenge grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. For more information, visit [www.cjcc.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.cjcc.charlestoncounty.org).*

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