Compensating the Victims of Federal Crimes

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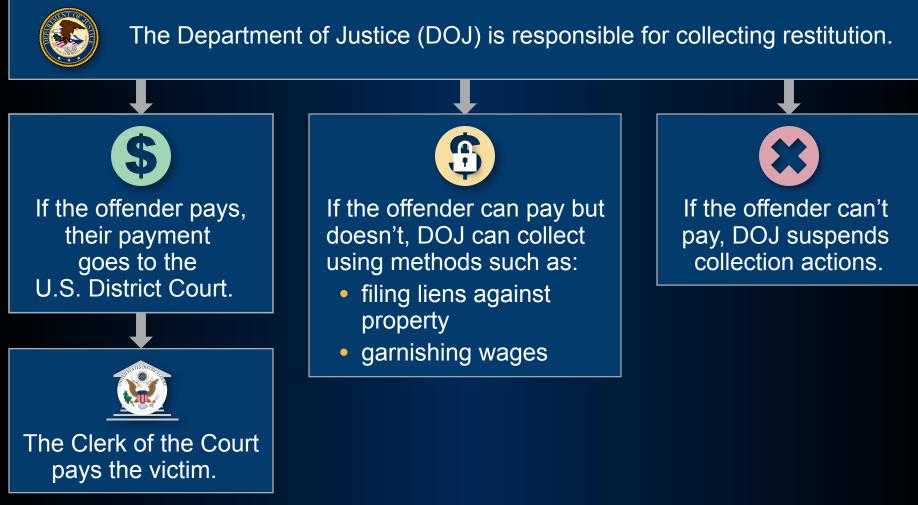
What is criminal restitution?

Criminals convicted of federal offenses are sometimes required to compensate victims for their losses.

This is called **criminal restitution**.



How is restitution collected?



How much money do victims receive?

DOJ collected \$2.9 billion of the \$112.9 billion owed to victims during FY 2014-2016.

Restitution owed during FY 2014–2016

DOJ suspended collection on \$100 billion because offenders couldn't pay.

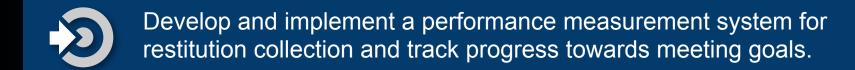
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\$10 billion was considered "collectable" by DOJ, but was not collected.

> **DOJ** collected \$2.9 billion from offenders.

Source: GAO analysis of DOJ data.

What do we recommend to DOJ?





Ensure that an offender's forfeited assets are used to compensate their victims as appropriate.

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