

Parental Rights North Carolina

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Question	Answer
Does the state allow for termination or limitation of parental rights when a child is born from rape?	Yes
Does the state require a conviction for the sexual offense to terminate or limit the rapist's parental rights?	Yes
May the state terminate or limit parental rights when there was a sexual assault that led to the birth of the child, but no conviction?	No
What parental rights can be terminated or limited?	Terminated: Custody Visitation
Are there any exceptions to the termination or limitation of a rapist's parental rights?	N/A
What other rights may be impacted by terminating a rapist's parental rights?	Inheritance - rapist parent may not inherit from child, but child may inherit from rapist parent No Notice, or Consent - rapist parent has no right to notice of adoption proceedings of the child, and may not withhold consent to the child's adoption
What is the procedure for termination or limitation of parental rights in these circumstances?	Victim must petition the court
What proof do you have to show to terminate or limit the rapist parent's parental rights?	The parent has been convicted of a sexually related offense under Chapter 14 of the General Statutes that resulted in the conception of the juvenile.
Are there any time limits for when a petition must be filed to terminate or limit the rapist parent's rights?	N/A
Does the law apply to both adult victims and underage victims?	Yes

Does the law have any exceptions for married or co-habiting victims?	N/A
Can a court require the rapist parent to pay child support after parental rights have been terminated?	N/A
Statutory Citations	See, N.C.G.S.A. § 7B-111. Grounds for terminating parental rights NC ST § 7B-1112. Effects of termination order N.C.G.S.A. § 7B-1109. Adjudicatory hearing on termination