

Victim Impact Statement Information

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Note: Please mail or fax the Impact Statement to the Scott County Attorney's Office prior to Sentencing

What is a Victim Impact Statement (VIS) and how is it used?

As a victim of crime, you have the opportunity to prepare a Victim Impact Statement to describe how the crime has affected you and others close to you. There is space for you to write about the emotional, physical and financial effects this crime has caused you and those close to you. At the time of sentencing, your VIS will help the Judge and Prosecutor understand how this crime has affected you and your family.

Do I have to Complete a Victim Impact Statement?

No. Completing a VIS is purely optional.

Is my statement private?

No, your statement will become an official court document after it is given to the Court and also will become part of the defendant's permanent file. *Please note that upon request, the information you put in your VIS can be viewed by both the defense attorney and/or the defendant.*

Questions on the Victim Impact Statement.

Please answer as many question as you wish. If a question makes you feel uncomfortable, you do not have to answer it. If you need more space please use as much paper as you need and attach the pages to this form when you return it.

What should I do when completing the form?

Discuss the emotional impact this crime has had on your life.
Discuss the physical, psychological and financial impacts of the crime.
Use specific examples of how the crime has changed your life.

Are there things I should NOT do when completing the form?

Do not introduce new evidence not covered at the trial or repeat evidence already presented.
Do not use derogatory or obscene language in discussing the defendant.

What about reimbursement for financial losses?

When a Judge orders the defendant to pay for financial losses you suffered, this is called restitution. The Restitution Form will help the Judge in determining how much, if any, restitution to order. If the Judge orders the defendant to pay restitution, there is no guarantee that the defendant will be able to pay this amount, especially if the defendant is sentenced to prison.

In addition to completing the Restitution Form you may also submit an application to the Crime Victims Compensation Board.

Nothing done in this case prohibits you from seeking to recover your losses by other lawful means. Please discuss your options with your attorney.