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DA CASE #

NAME:

Victim Impact Statement

Making a victim impact statement is optional and not required.

Please do not submit your written statement until a sentencing hearing has been scheduled. Contact your advocate if you have questions.

As a crime victim, if the defendant is convicted, you have the right to speak at sentencing. You are encouraged to appear in person and present your statement to the court. If you do not wish to attend, you may also submit a written statement to our office prior to the sentencing hearing.

Please be aware that your written or spoken statement will become a part of the official court public record. The Judge, the prosecutor, the defendant, the defendant's attorney and the probation officer have access to your statement when it is presented at sentencing.

You are encouraged to write out your statement so you do not leave out any information you think is important. The following questions may help you organize your thoughts.

Please write your statement on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Describe the impact this crime has had on you and your family. You may wish to include any physical, emotional, or financial damage you sustained as a result of this crime.**
- 2. What do you think would be an appropriate sentence for the defendant in this case, and why?** For example, drug/alcohol evaluation or treatment, anger management, community service, no contact conditions, etc. *Please note the court will make the final decision regarding the sentence based on the Oregon sentencing guidelines.*
- 3. Is there anything else you would like the court to know regarding this crime and its consequences?**