

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

As the victim of a crime, you have a right to give a victim impact statement to the judge at the time of sentencing. You do not have to complete this form. It is up to you. However, it will help the judge understand how this crime has hurt you and your family. Please do not tell us the facts of the case. You may use this form to tell the court how this crime has caused changes in your life.

You can fill out this form or just use it as a guide to write your own statement. You can mail your statement to the address below or FAX it to (215) 340-8885. If you need more information or help, please call the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit at (215) 348-6292 or 6305. (You may use more paper if you need to).

Office of the District Attorney
Victim/Witness Assistance Unit
Bucks County Courthouse
Doylestown, Pa. 18901

COMMONWEALTH VS:

CASE NO.:

CHARGE:

TRIAL DATE:

VICTIM:

1) Please tell us about the emotions you felt as a result of this crime.

2) Have you received counseling as a result of this crime? _____ If yes, please tell us the length of time you expect to go to counseling as a result of this crime:

3) Has this crime changed your ability to earn a living? _____ If yes, please tell us about your job and how things have changed:

4) As a result of this crime, were you physically hurt? _____ If yes, tell us about your injuries:

5) Did you receive medical care for your injuries? _____ If yes, tell us about the treatment you received and whether it is still continuing:

6) Did you suffer a financial loss as a result of this crime? _____ If yes, for what damage or injury?

What is the amount of your loss? _____

7) Do you wish to be present at sentencing? _____

If yes, please give us a daytime phone number: _____

8) Which of these are closest to what you believe would be a good outcome in this case?
(Please check all that apply)

- _____ Probation supervision
- _____ Imprisonment: County prison sentence (less than 2 years)
- _____ Imprisonment: State prison sentence (more than 2 years)
- _____ Imprisonment: Maximum sentence possible under the law
- _____ A "No Victim Contact" condition
- _____ A letter of apology to the victim
- _____ Community service
- _____ Pay restitution
- _____ Anger management counseling
- _____ Drug & alcohol treatment
- _____ Mental health treatment
- _____ Whatever sentence the District Attorney's Office believes is appropriate based on the law and other similar cases

Other thoughts about sentencing in this case:

Signature: _____ Date: _____