

Community IMPACT STATEMENT

Please complete the following and use it in your letter to the judge; defendant's information, case #, sentencing date and judge's name can be found by calling your Community Prosecution Office.

Your Name(s)/Organization/Association's Name:

_____ (you can use more space if needed)

Defendant's Name: _____

Case #: _____

Sentencing Date: _____

Judge's Name _____

AUSA handling case _____

This form can serve as a guide in writing your letter to the judge providing information that helps describe the impact of the crime(s) committed by the defendant above. Submit all the information you wish and feel is pertinent to this crime. Your letter should be provided to the Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) handling the case at least two weeks prior to the sentencing date. The AUSA then provides your letter(s) to the court and the defense.

1. How has this crime affected you (as residents, business owners and neighbors) and those close to you?

(e.g. feelings of anger, rage, blaming self, or family helplessness, vulnerability, fear, paranoia, frustration.)

2. How has this crime affected your ability to perform your work, make a living, run a household, go to school, or enjoy any other activities you previously performed or enjoyed?

(e.g. overreact to situations, overprotective of family members, socially withdrawn, fear of going out in a world.)

3. If you wish, you may tell the Judge whatever you would like him/her to know about how it is to be a member of the community where crime/violent crime has occurred; or any other information you would like to share.

(e.g. the stigma of being a victim, media coverage, family reaction, the loss of control.)

4. Reactions, feelings toward the criminal justice system:

(e.g. The impact of the process on you, information on court proceedings and case status.)

5. What is your recommendation for sentencing? (Mandatory/maximum?)