



United States v. Safarini
The Hijacking of Pan Am Flight # 73

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

Now that the defendant in this case has pleaded guilty to all the U.S. criminal charges against him, it is very important that Judge Emmet G. Sullivan hear from those who were victimized by this terrible crime. Judge Sullivan has indicated that he would like to learn as much as possible about the impact of the hijacking on the victims in order to decide whether the sentence agreed to by the parties – three consecutive life sentences plus 25 years – is appropriate.

A victim impact statement can be made in many different formats. This form provides a useful list of questions to consider in composing your victim impact statement. You are welcome to fill out this form and to submit it as your victim impact statement. You are also welcome to use these questions as a guide and to compose your own letter to Judge Sullivan. Likewise, you could compose your victim impact statement in an e-mail. For those of you who are so inclined, you could even submit a videotaped or audiotaped statement. The important thing is to try to express to Judge Sullivan all the ways in which this horrible event affected you and those who are close to you. **We strongly encourage each family member who was affected by the hijacking to submit a separate victim impact statement.**

In addition to your victim impact statement, we encourage you to consider submitting other items, such as photographs taken at or around the time of the hijacking, written reflections you may have created after the hijacking to express your feelings about the crime, or other tangible objects that you might consider appropriate.

We realize that composing your victim impact statement may be difficult and may bring back painful memories. If you have any questions about your victim impact statement, or if you would like to talk to someone about the feelings you are experiencing, **you are encouraged to speak with one of our victim-witness advocates.** You can call Dr. Lorraine Chase at (202) 353-8039 or you can e-mail us at **PanAm.73@usdoj.gov** and request to speak with a victim-witness advocate. Either Dr. Chase or Yvonne Bryant or one of our other victim-witness advocates will promptly contact you.

Please submit your victim impact statement to us by March 1, 2004.

The appropriate heading for any letter to Judge Sullivan is: The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan, United States District Court Judge, District of Columbia, Washington, DC 20001. Please do not mail your statement directly to Judge Sullivan. Instead, please use the enclosed stamped, pre-addressed envelope to mail your victim impact statement to us. If you lose the enclosed envelope, you should mail your victim impact statement to: Gregg A. Maisel, Assistant United States Attorney, 555 Fourth Street, N.W., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20530. You can also e-mail a victim impact statement to **PanAm.73@usdoj.gov**. We will compile all of the victim impact statements together and submit them in a group to Judge Sullivan.

NAME (if you do not want us to reveal your name, please write only your initials)

AGE at the time of the hijacking _____

If you are a friend, colleague or family member of someone killed during the hijacking, please tell us that person's name and your relationship to that person:

THE FIRST TWO QUESTIONS ARE DIRECTED TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WRITING ABOUT A FRIEND, COLLEAGUE OR A LOVED ONE WHO WAS KILLED ABOARD PAN AM FLIGHT 73. ALL OTHERS SHOULD START WITH QUESTION #3.

1. You may use this space to tell Judge Sullivan whatever you would like him to know about your friend, colleague or loved one who was killed: the kind of person he or she was; special memories you have of that person; why and with whom he or she was on Pan Am Flight 73; what was his or her profession or special interests; what were his or her personal or professional goals, aspirations, dreams or life plans; and any other information you would like to share. If you have any photographs or other items that would help tell Judge Sullivan about your friend, colleague or loved one, please provide them with this statement.

2. How has the loss of your friend, colleague or loved one affected you and those close to you? (Examples: feelings of anger, helplessness, vulnerability, fear, paranoia, hopelessness, frustration, loss of trust and faith in others).

3. What are your most vivid memories of the hijacking itself? Can you describe the emotions you felt during the hijacking?

4. What are your most vivid memories of the hours and days immediately following the hijacking? Can you describe your emotions during this time? If you or a family member received medical treatment, describe your injuries and the conditions you experienced in the hospital. How and when were you first able to contact loved ones? How long was it until you were able to get home and how did you feel during the trip home?

5. How has the hijacking affected your every day life? This could include how the hijacking has affected your ability to perform your work, make a living, run a household, go to school, form relationships or enjoy any activities you previously performed or enjoyed. If you were a child when the hijacking occurred, how has the hijacking affected you growing up and your schooling? How have these effects changed over time, if at all?

6. How has the hijacking affected you emotionally? Have you had trouble sleeping, watching violent movies or television or hearing loud noises? Has the hijacking affected your reaction to other terrorist events that you hear about? Has the hijacking affected your attitude about air travel or travel in general? Have you received any counseling as a result of the hijacking?

7. Do you have any observations about how the hijacking has affected your family members or others close to you? (Examples: overreaction to certain situations, overprotective of family members, socially withdrawn, fear of going out in a world that has proven unsafe).

8. Financial Impact: We know that the impact of this crime can never be compensated monetarily; however, you may want Judge Sullivan to know what costs you have incurred due to the crime for restitution purposes. Please provide any documentation/verification of those losses in the form of receipts, canceled checks, insurance claims, etc.

A. Damages suffered:

- 1. Value of property lost or destroyed (list items)....._____
- 2. Hospital and other medical expenses....._____
- 3. Lost income or wages....._____
- 4. Miscellaneous expenses (including funeral expenses)....._____

TOTAL LOSS_____

B. Reimbursement received from other sources

- 1. Property insurance....._____
- 2. Health Insurance....._____
- 3. Reimbursed Income or Wages....._____
- 4. Other (list source and amount)....._____

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT....._____

9. How has the hijacking affected your beliefs? How has the hijacking affected the beliefs of those close to you?

10. Is there anything else, not asked or not covered by the previous questions, that you would like to bring to Judge Sullivan's attention to assist him in understanding the nature and scope of the impact that the hijacking has had on you, your family, friends and colleagues?

Signature
(or initials if you do not wish to reveal your name)

Date