

IF YOU ARE THREATENED OR HARASSED

If anyone threatens you or you feel that you are being harassed because of your cooperation with this case, there are remedies available. Your safety is paramount. Please contact the investigating agent or a Victim-Witness Specialist immediately. They may discuss with you additional safety measures and assistance such as temporary restraining orders, possible relocation, or other appropriate referrals.

OTHER ASSISTANCE & SERVICES

If you are a victim, you are entitled to:



- Notification of case events, usually by letter or E-mail, through the Victim Notification System. If the defendant is convicted and sentenced to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, notification will continue

regarding the defendant's release date, furlough, or escape unless you do not wish to be notified.

However, you must keep us informed of any address, E-mail, or telephone number changes.

- Referrals to other agencies or professionals who may provide counseling, shelter, and/or compensation.

If you are a victim or a witness, you are entitled to:

- A separate waiting area away from defendant and defense witnesses.
- Courtroom support.
- Information and clerical assistance with travel, lodging, parking, and reimbursement for mandatory court appearances and pre-trial interviews.



A Federal Courthouse

LIMITED CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

We are here to assist you as you go through the criminal justice process. However, you should know that we work as part of a team with the criminal prosecutor and the investigative case agent. We do our best to keep sensitive information confidential. As part of the team, there are times when we may need to share information you provide with the other team members. This is especially important if you share information regarding your safety, a medical emergency, information that relates to child abuse, and/or information that is critical to the investigation or prosecution of the case.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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