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To: Victims of US v. Barry Stokes

Re: United States v. Barry Stokes
Case Number 2006R00368 and Court Docket Number: 3:06-00204SIND

The United States Department of Justice believes it is important to keep victims of federal crime informed of court proceedings. This notice provides information about the above-referenced criminal case.

The sentencing hearing for defendant(s), Barry Stokes, has been set for January 12, 2009, 09:00 AM before Judge Robert L. Echols. You are welcome to attend this proceeding; however, unless you have received a subpoena, your attendance is not required by the Court. If you plan on attending, please check with the VNS Call Center to verify the sentencing date and time. Should you wish to speak at the sentencing or want to check for the most current information on the date/time of this event please call our office a day or two before the scheduled hearing.

A United States Probation Officer prepares a report for the Court and may contact you to discuss the impact the crime had on you financially, physically, and/or emotionally. If you are contacted, please make every effort to provide accurate and detailed information.

In order to streamline the process, and to spare victims from having to complete paperwork for multiple agencies, we have coordinated with the United States Probation Office (USPO) to contact you via this letter. As such, we have attached an affidavit entitled "Individual Victim Loss Affidavit" to this mailing. This affidavit will also be available on our website, <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/tnm>. Please take the time to fill it out and to submit it to United States Probation Officer Adam Hersh at the following address:

United States District Court
Middle District of Tennessee
Probation and Pretrial Services Office
110 9th Avenue South, Suite 725
Nashville, TN 37203-3899

This form will serve many purposes. First, your information will be included, in some form, in the report the USPO will complete for the court for consideration at sentencing. This report will be a description of the offenses, the financial loss, and a description of the impact these offenses have had on victims. By completing an affidavit, you will help to ensure that the report submitted to the court is thorough and accounts for all loss. Additionally, and most importantly, it is a way for you to communicate with the court before sentencing, as it is a means for you to tell the court about the impact these crimes have had on you and your family. We strongly encourage any victim who wants to be heard to take this opportunity to describe the impact of these offenses, as your input will enable the court to make a fully informed decision at sentencing. During this important phase of the criminal case, please take the time to let the court and the United States Probation Office know about any harm suffered as a result of these crimes by completing the affidavit. **Please complete the affidavit and return it to the USPO no later than Monday, October 20, 2008.**

The Victim Notification System (VNS) is designed to provide you with information regarding the case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS web site at WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968)

(TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program. If you update your contact information to include a current email address, VNS will send information to that email address. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log on to the VNS web site. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS.

Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions. If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Yarbrough
United States Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa Parsley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'T'.

Theresa Parsley
Victim Witness Coordinator

Enclosures