

Suggestions for Completing Your Victim Impact Statement

The following suggestions are offered only as a guide to help you to complete your written victim impact statement. Please answer as many questions as you wish. If you need additional space, please use additional pages and simply attach them to the form when you return it.

Many victims find it helpful to organize their statement by the emotional, physical, and financial impact of the crime. Others find it helpful to write a rough draft of their statement before completing the final version.

If you would like to tell the court about the emotional impact of this crime, you may wish to consider the following:

- Have your feelings about yourself or your life changed since the crime?
- Has your ability to relate to others changed?

If you or your family members have suffered any physical impact as a result of the crime, you may wish to describe the following:

- Changes in your general, physical well-being
- How long these physical symptoms lasted or how long they are expected to last
- Any medical treatment you have received or expect to receive in the future

If you would like to tell the court how this crime has affected you financially, please complete the financial impact section of the statement. When writing about the financial impact of this crime, you may wish to consider the following:

- What is your financial loss? Do you have documentation?
- Has your loss been covered by insurance or an agency such as Merrill Lynch?
- Has your loss changed your plans for retirement?

A financial worksheet attached to the victim impact form allows you to list financial losses that have resulted directly from the crime. It is important to be as complete as possible when describing your financial losses. The judge will use this information to determine whether it is allowable and appropriate for the defendant to be required to pay you restitution.

Thank you very much for completing this important statement. If you need help or have questions, please contact Stephanie Lloyd at 317-229-2406. Your completed statement should be returned to The United States Attorney's Office, 10 W. Market St., Suite 2100, Indianapolis, IN 46204, no later than November 15, 2017.