

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS

Michael Lentine pled guilty on 9/29/10 and will be sentenced on 1/7/2011. Michael Starace pled guilty on 10/20/2010 and his sentencing will be scheduled in the next 90 days. You have the right as a victim in this case to make a Victim Impact Statement at the sentencing. You are welcome to:

- submit a statement in writing,
- give a verbal statement at the sentencing,
- do both a verbal and written statement, or
- do nothing.

Another option available is to provide a written statement by the due date and then a different verbal statement on the day of the sentencing. Please note that you are not required to give a statement. However, our office feels it is very important to let the judge know how the crime impacted each of you.

Please consider providing a written statement to let the judge know of the impact the crime had on you. Also, please consider coming to the sentencing to let the judge know you are interested in the outcome of this case.

A Victim Impact Statement should be:

- addressed to the Judge,
- signed and dated by the victim,
- include Docket: 10-CR-30118
- include the name of the defendants at the top, and
- should describe the emotional, physical and financial impact that the crime had on you.

Examples of emotional impact might include nightmares, disturbed sleep patterns, anxiety, etc. Examples of physical impact of the crime might include elevated blood pressure since the crime, etc. Examples of financial impact of crime might include any financial losses, co-pays to the doctor, mileage to doctors appointments, the cost of therapy or loss of income if the victim can't work after the crime. Some victims include a statement about asking the judge for the maximum amount of time in prison for the defendant.

If you choose to provide one, the written Victim Impact Statement should be sent to:

Julie Swanston
Victim Witness Coordinator
Southern District of IL
U.S. Attorney's Office
9 Executive Dr.
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

no later than Monday, 11/29/10.