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Re: United States v. Defendant(s) William Sarfo, Festus Owusu  
Case Number 2012R00721 and Court Docket Number 14-CR-00012

The enclosed information is provided by the United States Department of Justice Victim Notification System (VNS). As a victim witness professional, my role is to assist you with information and services during the prosecution of this case. I am contacting you because you were identified by law enforcement as a victim during the investigation of the above criminal case.

The first appearance previously scheduled for defendant(s) William Sarfo on June 12, 2015, 10:30 AM at Courtroom B - Erie, 17 South Park Row, Erie, PA 16501 has been cancelled. VNS will continue to provide you with updated case scheduling and event information.

An arraignment is scheduled before Judge Susan Baxter on June 22, 2015, 10:30 AM at Courtroom B - Erie, 17 South Park Row, Erie, PA 16501 for the case which involves defendant(s) William Sarfo. The main purpose of this hearing is for the defendant to enter a plea to the charges filed in this case. Your attendance is not required. The government expects the defendant to enter a plea of not guilty at this hearing. If the plea is guilty, you will be notified.

An arraignment is scheduled before Judge Susan Baxter on June 22, 2015, 03:30 PM at Courtroom B - Erie, 17 South Park Row, Erie, PA 16501 for the case which involves defendant(s) Festus Owusu. The main purpose of this hearing is for the defendant to enter a plea to the charges filed in this case. Your attendance is not required. The government expects the defendant to enter a plea of not guilty at this hearing. If the plea is guilty, you will be notified.

Because of the Court's schedule, hearing dates could change on very short notice. If you plan on attending, you may want to call the VNS Call Center or check the website to confirm the date and time. Please note, there is a 24-hour delay in information transfer to the website.

Through the Victim Notification System (VNS) we will continue to provide you with updated scheduling and event information as the case proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS website at <https://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.

For many VNS registrants email will provide the most timely notification. VNS does not currently have an email address for you. You can provide VNS an email address by accessing the VNS Internet Web page using the login information provided below. By entering your email as part of the VNS registration process future notifications will be delivered by email, except in rare circumstances when you might also receive a letter from VNS. 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 into VNS on the website. If you are receiving notifications with multiple victim ID/PIN codes please contact the VNS Call Center. In addition, the first time you access the VNS website, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is Pitre.

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,

DAVID J. HICKTON  
United States Attorney

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