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Dear Victim or Victim's Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to ensure you know your rights as a victim under the Nevada Constitution. Enclosed please find a summary of those rights. We understand that this is likely a difficult time for you, and our office will do its best to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Some victims want to be extensively involved in their case, while others want more limited involvement, or no involvement at all. **Please let us know your preference by completing the enclosed notification preference form and returning it to our office.** To update your notification preferences and/or contact information, please call our Victim Witness Assistance Center (775) 328-3210 or e-mail us at: victiminfo@da.washoecounty.us.

If the defendant is currently in jail, you can request to be notified of any changes in custody status through the Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) system. To check to see if the defendant is in jail or to register to receive automated notification regarding the defendant's change in custody status through VINE call 877-664-8463 or go to www.vinelink.com. We've also enclosed a summary of your rights as a victim. Please read it carefully.

You are not required to attend court hearings **unless** you receive a subpoena. Please note that delays and last-minute continuances are common because of the volume of cases that are processed by our court system. Please contact our office one working day before the court proceeding that you plan to attend so you may be informed of any changes or continuances.

Yours truly,

Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Enclosures



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VICTIM NOTIFICATION REQUEST FORM

Victims have the right to be informed of certain events that occur as we prosecute the defendant(s) in this case.

Please complete this form and return it to the Washoe County District Attorney's Office if you wish to receive notification about this case in the future. If we do not receive this form back from you, we will not notify you as the case progresses or of its outcome.

VICTIM INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell/text phone: _____

Work phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred language: _____

What is the best way to reach you during the day?

Home phone Cell phone E-mail

You will be receiving automated notifications. Please select below.

Phone call Text message (Data rates may apply) E-mail

NOTIFICATION PREFERENCES

Please notify me of the outcome of this case.

Please notify me of any bail hearing.

Please notify me of the sentencing hearing.

Please notify me of all hearings.

Please return to this form to the Washoe County District Attorney's Office at 1 South Sierra Street Reno, NV 89502, or e-mail the form to victiminfo@da.washoecounty.us. You may also contact our Victim Witness Assistance Center by calling (775) 328-3210 to provide us with your updated contact information and/or notification preferences.



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Notification of Victim Rights

Article 1, Section 8A, of the Nevada Constitution confers certain rights to victims of crime.

A victim is defined as any person directly or proximately harmed by the commission of a criminal offense under any law of this State. If the victim is less than 18 years of age, incompetent, incapacitated, or deceased, the term include the legal guardian of the victim or a representative of the victim's estate, member of the victim's family, or any other person who is appointed by the court to act on the victim's behalf, except that the court shall not appoint the defendant as such a person.

Under the Nevada Constitution, a victim has the following rights:

- a. To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse, throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.
- b. To be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.
- c. To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered as a factor in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.
- d. To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant which could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family.
- e. To refuse an interview or deposition request, unless under court order, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.
- f. To reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, upon request, regarding the case.
- g. To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, upon request, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.



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- h. To be reasonably heard, upon request, at any public proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, in any court involving release or sentencing, and at any parole proceeding.
- i. To the timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the defendant.
- j. To provide information to any public officer or employee conducting a presentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant.
- k. To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant and the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.
- l. To full and timely restitution.
- m. To the prompt return of legal property when no longer needed as evidence.
- n. To be informed of all post-conviction proceedings, to participate and provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender.
- o. To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family and the general public considered before any parole or other post judgment release decision is made.
- p. To have all monetary payments, money and property collected from any person who has been ordered to make restitution be first applied to pay the amounts ordered as restitution to the victim.
- q. To be specifically informed of the rights enumerated in this section, and to have information concerning those rights be made available to the general public.

While a victim is not a party to a criminal proceeding, a victim may assert the rights listed above in any court with jurisdiction over the matter.



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Notificación de la Ley Marsy

El Artículo 1, Sección 8A, de la Constitución de Nevada confiere ciertos derechos a las víctimas de delitos.

Una víctima se define, según la legislación de este Estado, como cualquier persona dañada directa o de manera inmediata por la comisión de un delito. Si la víctima es menor de 18 años de edad, es incompetente, incapacitada o llegó a fallecer, el término incluye al tutor legal de la víctima o un representante del patrimonio de la víctima, un miembro de la familia de la víctima o cualquier otra persona designada por el Tribunal para actuar en nombre de la víctima, salvo que el tribunal no designará al acusado como tal.

Según la Constitución de Nevada, una víctima posee los siguientes derechos:

- a. Ser tratado con imparcialidad y respeto junto con confidencialidad y dignidad, y no ser intimidado, hostigado o sufrir algún abuso durante todo el proceso penal o de justicia de menores.
- b. Recibir protección razonable con respecto al acusado y de las personas que actúen en nombre del acusado.
- c. Considerar la seguridad de la víctima y su familia al establecer el monto de la fianza y las condiciones de la liberación del acusado.
- d. Evitar la divulgación de información o registros confidenciales al acusado que podrían utilizarse para encontrar o acosar a la víctima o a su familia.
- e. Rechazar una solicitud de entrevista o declaración, a menos que sea por orden judicial, estableciendo condiciones razonables en la conducta de cualquier entrevista a la que la víctima consienta.
- f. Consultar razonablemente con las autoridades judiciales, previa solicitud, con respecto al caso.
- g. Recibir aviso, de manera razonable, sobre todos los procedimientos públicos, incluso los procedimientos de incumplimiento, previa solicitud, en los que el acusado y



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- el fiscal tendrán derecho a estar presentes y con respecto a toda libertad condicional u otros procedimientos de liberación posteriores a la condena, y estar presentes en todos los procedimientos de este tipo.
- h. Comparecer, de manera razonable, en cualquier procedimiento público, incluido cualquier procedimiento de incumplimiento, en cualquier tribunal relacionado con la liberación o sentencia, y en cualquier procedimiento de libertad condicional.
 - i. A la resolución oportuna del caso tras el arresto del acusado.
 - j. Proporcionar información a cualquier funcionario público o empleado que realice la investigación precondenatoria sobre el impacto del delito en la víctima o la familia de la víctima, y cualquier recomendación de sentencia antes de que se dicte la sentencia del acusado.
 - k. Recibir información, previa solicitud, de la condena, sentencia, lugar y hora de encarcelamiento u otra disposición para el acusado, la fecha de liberación programada del acusado y la liberación o el intento de fuga por parte del acusado.
 - l. A pleno resarcimiento en el tiempo conveniente.
 - m. A la pronta devolución de los bienes legales cuando los mismos ya no sean necesarios como prueba.
 - n. Recibir información de todos los procedimientos poscondenatorios, para participar y proporcionar información a la autoridad de vigilancia penitenciaria para su consideración antes de la libertad condicional del infractor y para que se le notifique, previa solicitud, de la libertad condicional u otra liberación del infractor.
 - o. Mantener la seguridad de la víctima, la familia de la víctima y del público en general antes de la libertad condicional u otra decisión de liberación posterior a la sentencia.
 - p. Obtener todos los pagos en efectivo, los bienes y el dinero recaudados de cualquier persona a la que se le haya ordenado que proceda con el resarcimiento, e inicialmente



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se pagarán las sumas ordenadas como restitución a la víctima.

- q. Recibir información específica de los derechos enumerados en esta sección, y para que la información sobre dichos derechos se ponga a disposición del público en general.

Si bien una víctima no es parte en un procedimiento penal, la misma podrá hacer valer los derechos mencionados anteriormente en cualquier tribunal con jurisdicción sobre el asunto.