

# COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

**PLEASE ADDRESS & MAIL TO:** The Judge on the case, or to the Community Prosecutor, Court Watch Task Force member, or Block Watch Captain.

**STATE v. \_\_\_\_\_ (DEFENDANT'S NAME)**

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sentencing Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ → *MAIL AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THIS DATE!*

**A COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT is presented at sentencing and is your opportunity to discuss the effects this crime has had on you, a member of the community where the crime occurred. This statement will be shared with the Judge, the District Attorney's Office, and the Defendant and his/her Attorney. The following questions are a guide to help you prepare your statement; you may file your own format of a written statement. Please remember that all defendants are innocent until proven guilty, and your statement will not be considered by the Court unless the defendant pleads or is found guilty and the case proceeds to sentencing.**

How has this crime impacted you, your family, and/or your neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_

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Has this crime changed your neighborhood? How? Has your safety been affected? Has this crime caused financial loss? \_\_\_\_\_

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If the Defendant is found guilty or pleads guilty, do you have an opinion as to the conditions of his/her sentence, such as restitution, a no contact order, length of sentence, incarceration or probation, counseling, community service, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Information? \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Optional)** Please identify yourself by: (1) your name/address OR (2) what neighborhood you live in OR (3) what block you live on OR (4) any other connection you have to the neighborhood that was affected by this crime. \_\_\_\_\_

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