

Case Identification

Name of the Community Representative (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE): _____

Name of the Victim (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE): _____

Name(s) of the Accused (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE): _____

Date of the Incident (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE – Month/Day/Year): _____

This form may be used to provide a description of the harm or loss suffered by a community as the result of the commission of an offence, as well as a description of the impact of the offence on the community. You may attach additional pages if you need more space.

Your statement must not include:

- any statement about the offence or the offender that is not relevant to the harm or loss suffered by the community;
- any unproven allegations;
- any comments about any offence for which the offender was not convicted;
- any complaint about any individual, other than the offender, who was involved in the investigation or prosecution of the offence; or
- except with the court’s approval, an opinion or recommendation about the sentence.

Name of the Community on whose behalf the statement is made: _____

Explain how the statement reflects this community’s views:

You may present a detailed account of the impact the offence has had on the community. The following sections are examples of information you may wish to include in your statement. You are not required to include all of this information.

Emotional Impact

Describe how the offence has affected community members emotionally. For example, think of

- community members’ lifestyle and activities;
- community members’ relationships with others in the community, and outside it;
- community members’ ability to work, attend school or study;
- community members’ feelings, emotions and reactions as they relate to the offence; and
- the community’s sense of belonging to the region.

Physical Impact

Describe how the offence has affected community members physically. For example, think of

- ability for community members to access services; and
- changes in transportation and routes taken to and from school, work, shopping, etc.

Economic Impact

Describe how the offence has affected the community financially. For example, think of

- any reduction in the number of visitors or tourists to the region;
- the value of any property that was lost or damaged and the costs of repairs or replacement; and
- any costs or losses that are not covered by insurance.

Please note that this is not an application for compensation or restitution.

Fears for Security

Describe any fears community members have for their security or that of their family and friends. For example, think of concerns with respect to contact with the offender.

Drawing, Poem or Letter

You may use this space to draw a picture or write a poem or letter if it will help you express the impact that the offence has had on the community.

I would like to present this statement in court.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement is true.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____, at _____

Signature of declarant

As you completed this statement on behalf of the community, please indicate the reasons why you did so and the nature of your relationship with the community:

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____, at _____

Signature of declarant

This completed form should be submitted to Victim Services – For office locations, call toll-free 1 (888) 470-0773 or visit website: http://novascotia.ca/just/victim_Services/contact.asp