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| ACCUSED NAME | CASE NO. | VICTIM |
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VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT - HOMICIDE

RETURN YOUR STATEMENT AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE THE SENTENCING HEARING DATE.

The purpose of a Victim Impact Statement is to tell the court two key things:

1. How you have been affected by the defendant’s criminal behavior (physically, emotionally, financially, etc.) and;
2. What you would recommend for the accused at sentencing.

A Victim Impact Statement is different from the statement of facts, which you may have given to police during their investigation, because rather than describing what happened, you are communicating *how the crime impacted you and what you believe is an appropriate sentence.*

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ACCUSED WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF YOUR STATEMENT

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| PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM: | DATE: |
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DESCRIBE THE IMPACT THIS CRIME HAS HAD ON YOUR LIFE

How has this loss of your loved one affected you and those close to you? Please feel free to discuss your feelings about what has happened and how it has affected your general well-being. Has this crime affected your relationship with any family members, friends, co-workers, and other people? As a result of this crime, if you or others close to you have sought any type of victim services, such as counseling by either a licensed professional, member of the clergy, or a community-sponsored support group, you may wish to mention this. Has this crime affected your ability to perform your work, make a living, run a household, go to school, or enjoy any other activities you previously performed or enjoyed? If so, please explain how these activities have been affected by your loss. Only if you feel comfortable in doing so, should you use this space to tell the judge anything you would like him/her to know about your loved one and the kind of person he or she was. If you wish, you can write about any special memories you have of your loved one, times you shared together, what his or her hopes and dreams were, and any other information you would like to share with the judge.

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INDICATE WHAT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND FOR THE DEFENDANT AT SENTENCING.

(I.e. jail (misdemeanor), prison (felony), fine, other options: probation, restitution, counseling, community service, etc.)