

ACCUSED NAME	CASE NO.	VICTIM
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VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILD

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.

Please write or draw anything you would like the judge to know about how you feel because of what has happened to you. You may want to write about anything that has changed in your life or in your family. You can even tell a story or write a poem if you would like. If you need more room, it is fine to attach another sheet of paper.

Please write or draw anything you want the judge to know that may be different at school, in your neighborhood or with your friends because of what has happened to you.

If you were a judge, what would you do to the defendant (the person who did this crime to you)?

- A. Send to jail
- B. Pay some money
- C. Go to a doctor to get help
- D. Nothing
- E. Stay away from kids
- F. What else? Put your own ideas here.