Victim Impact Statement

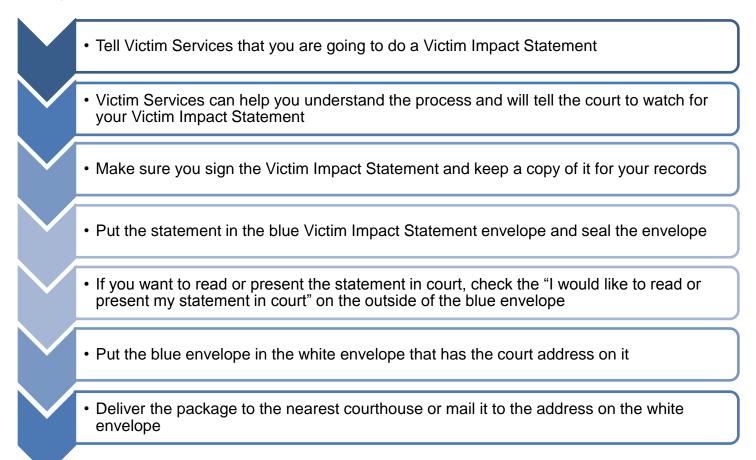
A Victim Impact Statement gives you a chance to tell the court how you have been affected by a crime. It is up to you to decide if you want to complete one.

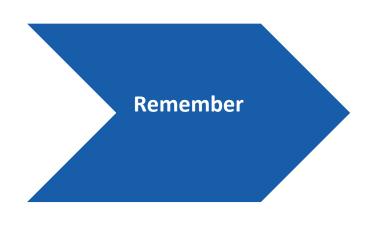
You *can* include this in your Victim Impact Statement

- ✓ How the crime has affected your mind
- ✓ How the crime has affected your **body**
- ✓ How the crime has affected you financially
- ✓ Fears for your **safety**
- ✓ You can draw a picture, write a poem or a letter to include in your statement if it helps you express the impact the crime has had on you
- You can read your statement in the presence of a support person that you choose and have a picture with you that was taken before the crime
- Anything about the crime or the offender that isn't about how you were harmed
- ✓ Anything that hasn't been proven in court
- Anything about a crime where the offender wasn't found guilty
- Anything about anyone who was part of the investigation or prosecution (police, court workers, lawyers)
- You can't give your opinion about the sentence, unless asked to by the court
- Any information you don't want the offender or the public to know

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Get your Victim Impact Statement to the courthouse:





- The offender could be sentenced at any time
- Mail your Victim Impact Statement form to the court as soon as you can
- The Victim Impact Statement is not used to apply for restitution (to get money back from the offender)
- The offender will be allowed to read or hear the Victim Impact Statement

