

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF BLANK
COUNTY OF BLANK

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STATE

v.

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DEFENDANT

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VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT OF VICTIM

STATE OF BLANK)
 ss:
COUNTY OF BLANK)

Victim, being duly sworn, deposes and says:¹

At first when I was told I would be able to speak my mind as to what my thoughts would be on the effects of what happened and what this person should receive as a time to serve I knew exactly what to say, but when you begin putting pen to paper you get lost. We all know what this person has done. He took away my innocence, the child that was left inside and destroyed her. No matter how many times I tried to pull back the pieces, he was always there ready to pull at the thread holding me together. He tore my family apart, he tore [specific family members] apart, so that we would be alone and afraid.

But I am proof today that I am not afraid anymore. I am opening my mouth and letting words fill this air. Defendant deserves to serve the longest amount of time possible due to his [crimes]. I feel that will allow us to not have to worry about him on the streets while we try to mend the wounds and heal the burns left on our minds and on our family. By the time he gets let out, I want for me and my family to be nowhere for him to find us. I want for us by then to have moved on with our lives. I know that will take time. But I want it to be time he is in prison.

¹ Note that many jurisdictions do not require victim impact statements to be made under oath.

I don't want another child to go through what I and my [other family member] have gone through because not only does what happened affect the person but it affects the family. After doing something like that how can you call yourself a human being? If I am able to keep him off the streets, if I am able to get one more terrible person or thing out of people's homes, away from children, I can sleep at night knowing I'm safe as well as someone else.

Trust me when I say this: if I could have, I would have spoken sooner. If I had been as strong as I am today, maybe I could have spared myself the pain I went through. If he gets the time I hope that alone makes up for the time I stood silent for my pain. But as for my [family member's] pain and my family's, I think there is no time in the world that can be given that can make up for the damage that was done. But I will be happy and take what I can get out of this unfortunate event. I hope that my words are taken into consideration. I would greatly appreciate it.

Victim

Subscribed and Sworn to me before this
day of Month, Year

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