

**THIS IS YOUR
VOICE!**

IMPACT STATEMENT FOR TEENS & PRETEENS

**IT'S ALL
ABOUT YOU!**

WHAT IS AN IMPACT STATEMENT?

You may be wondering what an impact statement is all about. Well, now is your chance to tell it like it is ... This is your opportunity to have your voice heard about how the crime has affected your life ...

**HOW DO YOU FEEL?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

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SO...WHO READS THIS?

The Judge, the commonwealth's attorney, victim-witness, and the defendant.

WHAT'S THE CATCH...THE LEGAL STUFF...

1. No cussing. (You knew that was coming.)
2. You can't give new information that hasn't already been talked about in court.
3. You've gotta get this back to victim-witness at least 5 days before the court date.

HERE WE GO...

To make it a little easier, there are some questions first. After that, it's completely up to you—a poem, a sketch, a story, lyrics to a song, whatever you want!

Just remember...you must return it by _____.

GOT IT? THAT'S IT, SO GO FOR IT!

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NAME: _____

DEFENDANT'S NAME: _____

1. Do you have physical injuries because of the crime? Y or N

If yes, please describe them:

2. Are you seeing or need to see a counselor or therapist? Y or N

3. What has changed in your life since the crime? (School work, family relationships, friends? Anything else?)

THIS PAGE IS FREE-HAND—YOU WRITING ABOUT YOU!



RETURN IT HERE:

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