



COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Case identification	
Name of accused	Court file #
Name of community	Charges

This form may be used to provide a description of the harm or loss suffered by a community as the result of the commission of an offence, as well as a description of the impact of the offence on the community. You may attach additional pages if you need more space.

Your statement must not include:

- any statement about the offence or the offender that is not relevant to the harm or loss suffered by the community;
- any unproven allegations;
- any comments about any offence for which the offender was not convicted;
- any complaint about any individual, other than the offender, who was involved in the investigation or prosecution of the offence; or
- except with the court's approval, an opinion or recommendation about the sentence.

Name of community on whose behalf the statement is made: _____

You may present a detailed account of the impact the offence has had on the community. The following sections are examples of information you may wish to include in your statement. You are not required to include all of this information.

Explain how the statement reflects this community's views:

Emotional impact

Describe how the offence has affected community members emotionally. For example, think of

- community members' lifestyle and activities;
- community members' relationships with others in the community, and outside it;
- community members' ability to work, attend school or study;
- community members' feelings, emotions and reactions as they relate to the offence; and
- the community's sense of belonging to the region.

Physical impact

Describe how the offence has affected community members physically. For example, think of

- ability for community members to access services; and
- changes in transportation and routes taken to and from school, work, shopping, etc.

Economic impact

Describe how the offence has affected the community financially. For example, think of

- any reduction in the number of visitors or tourists to the region;
- the value of any property that was lost or damaged and the costs of repairs or replacement; and
- any costs or losses that are not covered by insurance.

Note that this is not an application for compensation or restitution.

Fears for security

Describe any fears community members have for their security or that of your family and friends. For example, think of concerns with respect to contact with the offender.

Drawing, poem or letter

You may use this space to draw a picture or write a poem or letter if it will help you express the impact that the offence has had on the community.

The *Canadian Victim Bill of Rights* permits the presentation of this statement in court by 1) reading it; 2) reading it in the presence and close proximity of any support person of the victim's choice; 3) reading it outside the court room or behind a screen or other device that would allow the victim not to see the offender; or 4) presenting the statement in any other manner that the court considers appropriate.

I would like to present my statement in court.

I understand this statement will be shared with the Judge, Crown Prosecutor, Defence Counsel and accused at sentencing.

Declarations

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement is true.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 20____,
at _____.

Signature of declarant

Name (print)