# Victim Impact Statement (VIS)

Under the Crime Victim's Act, you as the victim have the right to submit a Victim Impact Statement (VIS) if the offender is found guilty. The submission of this statement is voluntary. However, the law requires that your statement be considered by the judge in determining the sentence in your case. The impact statement is not a retelling of the incident, but is a description of how your life and the lives of your loved ones have been changed by these events.

Please answer the following questions. If you need more space please attach a sheet of paper. If you would like assistance, please call the appropriate number listed on the attached letter.

1) What physical injuries have you suffered as a result of this crime and how has this affected your everyday life? Please describe.

2) How has this crime affected you and/or your family financially? Please describe.

3) How has this crime affected you and/or your family emotionally or psychologically? Please discuss your feelings about what happened to you and how it has affected you and/or your family overall.

Returned **via US mail** to: District Attorney's Office, Three South Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107, or **via e-mail** to: DA.Victimservices@phila.gov.