

Community Impact Statements



Please support your community by voicing your concerns to the courtroom regarding crimes that affect you and your neighbors.

What is a Community Impact Statement?

A Community Impact Statement is a statement submitted to the court by prosecutors during sentencing to convey the negative impact of a crime on a victim or the community in which the crime was committed. This can influence the length and type of sentencing of the perpetrator by assigning appropriate consequences in relation to the impact on the community.

Who can fill out a statement?

Any person or group who has been directly or indirectly impacted by a specific crime or offender can fill out a Community Impact Statement.

Where can statements be submitted?

Misdemeanor: Statements regarding misdemeanor cases, which are prosecuted by the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, can be submitted online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/attorney/impact-statements.asp> or by sending them to your community attorney. Call 612.673.2010 for more information. Residents can search online through the case database by offense, alleged offender, street address, or general location of the offense.

Felony: Statements regarding felony cases and crimes involving juvenile offenders, which are prosecuted by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, can be submitted for select felony cases online at <http://www.hennepinattorney.org/cpIntroduction.aspx>. Call 612.348.5550 for more information. Residents can search online by general location of the offense.

What are the benefits?

Community members can work together with prosecutors and judges to increase offender accountability. The most important benefit to submitting impact statements is building a healthier, safer community by influencing the outcome of criminal cases originating in your neighborhood.