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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CRIME VICTIMS WHEN THE OFFENDER RECEIVES A STATE SENTENCE

Recent changes in Pennsylvania law (called Recidivism Risk Reduction Incentive [RRRI]) means that eligible offenders may receive an alternative minimum sentence. This means that eligible offenders will be interviewed for possible parole release at an earlier date than their Court-imposed minimum sentence. Although early release is not guaranteed, it is likely to occur. The recent changes are intended for non-violent offenders, although there are some exceptions. There are several components that will affect crime victims.

- Victims have the right to be informed at sentencing proceedings when (if at all) the defendant is eligible for early parole.
- Victims have the right to have notice and opportunity to be heard on a work release application.
- Victims have the right to have impact into a Judge's decision to place an offender in a hospital, long-term nursing care facility, or hospice facility. The conditions for this placement are that the offender is seriously ill and not expected to live for more than one year. The Judge must also consider public safety and escape risks.

Excluded from consideration for early parole release are offenders who have convictions for the following crimes:

Any offender who has received a weapons enhancement sentence, or an offense relating to firearms and other dangerous articles;
Any offender who has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for a personal injury crime;
Incest;
Open Lewdness;
Sexual Abuse of Children;
Unlawful Contact with Minor;
Sexual Exploitation of Children;
Internet Child Pornography;
Certain drug offenses committed with firearms resulting in a mandatory 5 year sentence;
Kidnapping;
Luring Child Into Motor Vehicle;
Institutional Sexual Assault;
Indecent Assault;
Promoting Prosecution;
Certain offenses relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances;
Offender is awaiting trial or sentencing for additional criminal charges;
Offender has been convicted of certain drug offenses.

Although offenders convicted of a personal injury crime, a sex crime, or a crime with a firearm are generally excluded, it is important for you to know that the District Attorney has the discretion to waive any eligibility requirements and recommend the offender for the early parole program.

Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions about the above information.

If you are interested in being informed if the offender requests consideration for an alternative minimum sentence, please fill out the tear-off section below and return it to me.

----- Tear off here and mail to the address below -----

RETURN TO: Troy Sellers, Adult Victim/Witness Coordinator
Lycoming County District Attorney's Office
Lycoming County Court House
48 West Third Street
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RRRI Notification

Your Name:
Defendant's Name and Docket No.:
Your Address:
Your Home Phone:
Your Cell Phone:
Your Work Phone:
Your Email: