

**Dear Members of the Fifth Precinct's CARAG, Lyndale, Kingfield, East Harriet, Whittier Neighborhoods:**

Information about the crime involved is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this document.

We are notifying you of a recent arrest of an individual in or around your property or your neighborhood. We are asking that you tell us how you feel about this crime and/or offender and how this impacts your quality of life. We will give your input to the judge, who will review your input before sentencing. **You do not have to be a direct victim of the crime or see the crime to give us your input.** Your input truly makes a difference.

**How to write an impact statement?** There is no right format and you don't have to be creative. Many community members convey the same message on each of the impact statements that they write.

Generally, you can start by stating how you have been impacted: financially, emotionally, physically, and so on. You can end by describing what you are hoping the court will do: send the person to jail, order the person to get treatment, order the person to get employment, order the person to stay out of a particular area (i.e. a geographic restriction for a particular neighborhood), sentenced to service for garbage pickup, graffiti removal and so on.

Remember: it is more important to send an impact statement than to worry about how it is written. Just send it! Whatever you write will be presented and can improve the safety of your community.

Keep in mind that your statement can be written and submitted by you or any neighborhood entity, block club, neighborhood association or business. So, it is perfectly acceptable if you would like to write one on behalf of neighbors, your family, or any other group representing a portion of the neighborhood, provided they have agreed to you doing so.

**Please return your statement by January 3, 2011 to assure that your statement arrives in time for the offender's court appearance.**

**The quickest way to get these statements to us is to hit "Forward," add Elizabeth.Clark@ci.minneapolis.mn.us to the "To:" line, fill in the blanks, and send. Thanks for your help with reducing crime in Minneapolis!**

# COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Impact statements are used by Police Officers, Probation Officers, City and County Attorneys and the Courts to show the negative impact an individual has on a community. This is the community's opportunity to speak out on individuals whose activities affect their sense of safety and well-being in their neighborhood.

<b>INDIVIDUAL'S NAME:</b> <b>Matthew James Leavitt</b> <b>Date of Birth:</b> <b>09/01/1953</b>		
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**Court case number:** 27-CR-10-30520

**Next court date:** 01/10/11 Jury Trial

**Incident Location:** West Lake Street and Blaisdell Avenue South

**Neighborhood:** Whittier

**Date and time:** 07/03/10 2:40 a.m.

**Charged Offense(s):** GM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault and Misdemeanor 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault

**Public Narrative of Offense:** Officers were dispatched to the listed location on an assault which had just occurred. Upon arrival officers located the suspect and took him into custody. The male suspect, API, was booked at HCJ for Gross Misdemeanor PC 4<sup>th</sup> degree assault. The victim was transported to the hospital via ambulance for injuries sustained as a result of the assault. The victim was given a blue card.

**Arrest Disposition:** Arrested

**MPD Case** #10-195067

**Arrests past 12 mos.:** 3

**Prior Convictions:** Obscene harassing phone calls, Loiter w/Open Bottle

See next page for impact statement.....

**State v. Matthew James Leavitt**  
**Case # 27-CR-10-30520**

**PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE INDIVIDUAL'S ACTIONS AFFECTED YOU, YOUR PROPERTY,  
OR YOUR BUSINESS (you may use more space than below if needed):**

**YOUR NAME:**

**TITLE (if applicable):**

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER (with area code):**

**EMPLOYER (if applicable):**

**DATE:**

**Return by Email to:**

**Paralegal Beth Clark, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, Assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

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