

# 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.

**INDIVIDUAL’S NAME/IF KNOWN**

Gerald Lee Dettman

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**LOCATION AND DATES OF THE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR:**

Southwest Minneapolis

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**PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INDIVIDUAL’S ACTIONS AND HOW IT AFFECTED YOU, YOUR PROPERTY OR YOUR BUSINESS:**

During the time of the many house breakins in Fulton, Kenny, Armatage neighborhoods, and all the publicity, I was quite frightened.

One of my neighbors across the alley was victimized during the workday, and our block club leader sent us an email about the incident.

After that, I printed out the suspect’s photo, gave all the information to workmen I had doing projects on my house, and asked them to watch for Dettman.

I left radios and lights on my house daily, and was scared that he may have tried to break in on days when the workmen were not at my house. I was most afraid that he would break in and leave doors or windows open, and that my pet housecats would escape.

Even though I was not victimized, I felt very violated that my neighbor was broken into – outraged. Our block is filled with hardworking, honest people who expect safety.

I did not appreciate having to think about extra safety measures, beyond what I do as common sense daily – and the doubt that Dettman’s actions created – doubt that I would or could be safe and protected, regardless of what measures I took.

**YOUR NAME OR COURT WATCH NUMBER:**

**YOUR TITLE IF APPLICABLE:**

n/a

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

**YOUR EMPLOYEER IF APPLICABLE:**

**DATE:**