

# 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**

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

Southwest Minneapolis

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**YOUR NAME:**

**YOUR TITLE IF APPLICABLE:**

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

**YOUR EMPLOYEER IF APPLICABLE:**

**DATE:**

**Return by Email to:**

**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!**

**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.