

RE: Post-Conviction Victim Services

Greetings:

This is to inform you that the offender in your case has been sentenced to the **North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (ND DOCR)**. Please read carefully.

Here's what you need to know:

1. **Stay Informed:** Information is available on the ND DOCR website <https://docr.nd.gov/>.
2. **SAVIN:** SAVIN is the system that helps you stay updated about custody changes. You can visit: <https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state/ND> to sign up for automated notifications by phone, text, email, or the app.
3. **Victim Services Program** If you have questions or need support, call 701-328-6195 or email victimservices@nd.gov. We are here to help you understand what happens next.
4. **Your Safety Matters:** If you have any safety concerns, please contact Victim Services. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with the incarcerated person or the public.

Remember, the status of the individual will change throughout their incarceration, so please check these websites periodically. Your input is important, and we want to make sure everyone stays safe.

Good Time Release Date: Most individuals earn five days off their sentence each month for good behavior as ordered by law. This can change if they earn more Good Time or lose Good Time. If you are registered in SAVIN, you will receive a notice 30 days before the final release date. This date is available at <https://docr.nd.gov/>.

*Some individuals may also earn extra Good Time through specific programs, affecting their release date.

Your input is important:

People in custody will go through many changes, including custody level moves and Parole Board reviews. Your input is important and helps decision-makers understand the full situation.

All contacts from a victim and/or their family are kept confidential, not subject to open records law.

Custody Levels: The ND DOCR assigns custody levels: Maximum, Medium, or Minimum. Some individuals may be placed in out-of-state facilities.

Minimum Custody: People in Minimum custody may live in a Transitional Facility or Community Placement. They may be allowed to work or attend school in the community.

If this causes safety concerns for you or your family, please contact Victim Services right away.

Parole Review: Most individuals will be reviewed for a supervised early release. If you wish to make a statement to the Parole Board, contact the Victim Services Program at least 1 month before the review date. You may provide a written or verbal statement.

Stay Updated: Review dates might change, please check periodically to stay informed. If you're registered in SAVIN, you will be notified 1 month prior to the deciding review date.

No Contact: To request a No Contact for yourself or minors in your care, email or mail a statement to the Victim Services Program with your contact information.

If you already have a No Contact or Protection Order and the individual tries to contact you, please notify law enforcement and Victim Services. **Do not contact the individual yourself.**

What Is SAVIN?

SAVIN stands for Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification. It keeps you updated about custody status and release changes.

You will be notified of important changes during incarceration and release through phone calls, text, email, or the App.

How to sign up:

- Call 1-866-ND1-VINE
- Visit <https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state/ND>
- Call 866-631-8463 for help registering

Postal Notices:

If you cannot receive notifications by phone, text, or email, you can get updates by mail. Write to:

ND DOCR Victim Services Program

PO Box 1898

Bismarck, ND 58502

Include the name of the incarcerated person.

You may view an individual's picture and their current release date.

Visit <https://docr.nd.gov> and click on "Resident Lookup." Also on <https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state/ND>.

Remember, your safety matters, and the Victim Services Program is here to help. Feel free to ask them any questions or share your concerns.

Thank you for registering, ***please keep your contact information current.***

Restorative Justice Program

The DOCR collaborates with Consensus Council to offer victims a Restorative Justice program that engages victims, individuals in custody, and the community in repairing the harm caused by crime. The program offers victims participation in ways that promote healing, safe, and secure communities.

*This is a victim-initiated process; incarcerated individuals are not allowed to initiate contact with victims through this program. Please contact the DOCR Victim Services Program for details about the Restorative Justice program.

Please complete a quick survey about the Victim Services Program to let us know how we are doing:

<https://www.docr.nd.gov/victims-services>

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