

POST-CONVICTION

A GUIDE FOR ADVOCATES

- Does the victim understand the advocate's role and purpose, and that it is ongoing?
- Does the victim understand the supervising agent's role and purpose, and that it includes communications with the victim?
- Does the victim know that an HRO or OFP is still available, and if already in place, is still valid?
- Does the victim understand the sentence?
- Does the victim know the conditions of probation and what to do if they are violated?
- Does the victim know about sex offender registration and community notification?
- Does the victim know about civil commitment of sex offenders?
- Does the victim understand the prison process, including the length of incarceration and supervised release upon release?
- Does the victim understand the local jail process, including work release, sentence to service, and the length of incarceration?
- Does the victim know how to be notified upon release of the defendant from jail or prison, and that her/his contact information is confidential? If appropriate, has the victim sent the notification of release form to DOC?
- Is the victim aware of the Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) service?
- Does the victim know about the Department of Corrections website with the Offender Locator?
- Does the victim know how to deal with restitution if it is unpaid, or if further expenses arise?

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