

January 1, 2008

Victim Impact Statement
State of Washington vs. John. A. Doe
Spokane County Cause No: 08-1-00123-4

Honorable Judge,

The actions of Mr. Doe have greatly affected my life. Since he committed this crime, I have been unable to sleep at night. I am constantly afraid that someone will break into my home and injure me again. I am no longer able to trust people like I did before. My children are also afraid. They do not want to go out in the yard to play because they fear that Mr. Doe or someone will try to hurt them. I used to play with other children in the neighborhood, but now will not even go to the bus stop without me.

Mr. Doe's crime has also had a deep financial impact on our family. As we do not have insurance, we have been unable to replace the items broken when he broke into our home. Although Crime Victims Compensation has been covering our medical bills, the healing process is taking a long time. I had to miss six weeks of work, using all of my sick and vacation leave. Prior to this incident, I had rarely missed a day at work.

People should not be able to commit crimes like this and get away with it. The emotional and financial impact will be felt for years to come. I believe Mr. Doe needs to spend at least 5 years in prison for this crime. I know this is not the first time he has committed a felony, and it's time that he be held accountable for his actions.

Very truly yours,

Jane A. Smith