

APPROVED FIRST VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 10, 2025	
Committee	First District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
Date	July 10, 2025
Time	1:30-2:30 pm
Location	Virtual via ZOOM: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/7326466029?pwd=GikZaNCDbUxwY6mHm6ulBqj0qbnko0.1&omn=85080368594
Members Present	<u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Dale Stacey, Doyle Peck, Curtis Hooley, Sarah Owen, Kirk Lambert <u>In-Person Attendance:</u> Blair Wardle, Cheryl Burgan, Steve Hadfield
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff:</u> Katie Fox <u>Visitors:</u> Shane Weaver
Agenda Item	Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum -Blair Wardle
Notes	Blair Wardle welcomes everyone to the committee meeting and establishes a quorum.
Agenda Item	Approval of April 10, 2025 Minutes
Notes	Motion: Sarah Owen motions for the committee to approve the minutes from April 10, 2025 as presented. Kirk Lambert seconds the motions. The motion passes unanimously.
Agenda Item	New Complaints
	<p>1. M.C.A.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the complaint filed by M.C.A. M.C.A. alleges that during an incident in September 2023, the translation of their statement by an individual (identified as the male individual's stepmother/mother-in-law) was inaccurate and biased. * This led to them being identified as the primary aggressor in a domestic violence incident by Tremonton PD, despite their claim that they were a victim of sexual assault (rape). * There is concern about the lack of investigation into the rape allegation, with focus primarily on the domestic violence aspect. * M.C.A. also experienced significant delays and difficulties in obtaining the police report and understanding the status of their case. The committee reviewed a timeline of events that was sent by M.C.A. to Katie Fox.</p> <p>Motion: Doyle Peck made a motion to continue the discussion of M.C.A. 's complaint to the next meeting in order to give the committee time to review the body cam and any additional information the committee is able to research about the case. Curtis Hooley seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Action Items- Blair Wardle will contact Tremonton PD and ask if they will release a copy of the body cam to the committee. Doyle Peck generously agreed to review the body cam to see if the Spanish interpretation of M.C.A. 's report to the officers was correct. Blair will also inquire about the Tremonton's policy and resources for Spanish speaking victims to have interpretation available. Blair Wardle will also ask Tremonton PD if there is a separate investigation open for the sexual assault allegation. Cheryl Burgan will contact M.C.A. to gather more information about their difficulties in obtaining the police report and inquire about any medical treatment or rape kit collection. Katie Fox will send a translated copy of the timeline provided by M.C.A.</p>
Agenda Item	Other Business
Notes	The committee reviewed the victims' rights complaint statute (Utah Code 63M-7-1003) and the subsection that states "a criminal justice agency shall establish a policy for addressing a complaint alleging a violation of victim's rights." Blair Wardle is working with Cheryl Burgen to create a policy within their agency that can be used as an example for other agencies.

Agenda Item	Public Comment
	No public comment was given during this meeting.
Agenda Item	Adjourn
Notes	<p>Motion: The committee adjourns.</p> <p>Next Meeting: July 31, 2025 1:30-2:30 pm</p> <p>Zoom link:</p> <p>https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/7326466029?pwd=GikZaNCDbUxwY6mHm6ulBqj0gbnk0.1&omn=85080368594</p>