

APPROVED THIRD DISTRICT VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING July 21, 2025

Committee	Third District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
Date Time Location	July 21, 2025 12:00-2:00 pm 350 E 500 S # 200 Salt Lake City, UT 84111; ZOOM Link: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/86287710268?pwd=UPkUJ2oalx3E8Ky0qKOBICdkq8bp38.1
Members Present	<u>Virtual Attendance</u> : Chief Rich Ferguson, Vickie Walker <u>In-Person Attendance</u> : Rachel Miller, Doug Fawson, Brandon Simmons, Wendy Isom
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff</u> : Katie Fox <u>Visitors</u> : K.M.
Agenda Item	Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum - Rachel Miller
Notes	<p>Rachel Miller welcomed everyone to the July District Victims' Rights Committee meeting. A quorum was established.</p> <p>Motion: Rachel Miller makes a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Rachel Miller pointed out one mistake in a sentence. Katie Fox will fix the sentence. Wendy Isom seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously, None were opposed.</p>
Agenda Item	Follow up Complaints
Notes	<p>A. M.R. The Committee discussed M.R.'s complaint. Doug Fawson is the PREA Coordinator for the prison. Doug Fawson met with M.R. at the Gunnison Prison and has spoken with the Salt Lake County Jail. Doug has done his best to determine if there was a violation of M.R.'s rights.</p> <p>Motion: Doug Fawson makes a motion to close the complaint with no victim rights violation found. Brandon Simmons seconds the motion. The motion passes. None were opposed.</p> <p>Action Items: Rachel Miller will prepare a letter closing the complaint. Doug Fawson will deliver the letter to M.R. at the Gunnison Prison.</p> <p>B. K.M. The Committee discussed K.M.'s complaint. The Committee was sent the audio recording of the Sentencing Hearing to review prior to the meeting. K.M. was present and gave additional input. The Committee would like to review the audio of the Change of Plea hearing and the Restitution Hearing prior to making a determination.</p> <p>Motion: Rachel Miller makes a motion to hold this complaint over to the next meeting. Brandon Simmons seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Action Items: Katie Fox will get the audio from the Change of Plea Hearing and the Restitution Hearing and send it to the Committee for review prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>C. K.C. The Committee discussed K.C.'s complaint. Rachel Miller reached out to K.C. to get additional information about the complaint, but never received a response from K.C. An update was provided by Doug Fawson on the status of the defendant.</p> <p>Motion: Wendy Isom makes a motion to close the complaint with no victim rights violation found. Rachel Miller seconds the motion. Brandon Simmons abstained from voting. The motion passes. None were opposed.</p> <p>Action Items: Rachel Miller will prepare a letter closing the complaint. Katie Fox will send the letter to K.C.. and offer resources.</p>

Agenda Item	New Complaints
Notes	<p>A. W.B. The Committee discussed W.B.'s complaint. W.B. stated that they did not get notified of a court date related to an appeal of their daughter's case. The defendant filed a motion to withdraw his plea. The Committee discussed recent appellate decision on State v. Rippey that resulted in more defendants filing motions to withdraw their pleas. The Committee determined that the hearings that have occurred thus far in the case are not included in the victims' rights statute as an important criminal justice hearing which entitles victims to notification.</p> <p>Motion: Brandon Simmons makes a motion to close the complaint with no victim rights violation found as the hearing that occurred does not qualify as an important criminal justice hearing for which a victim has a right to receive notification.. Wendy Isom seconds the motion. The motion passes. None were opposed.</p> <p>Action Items: Rachel Miller will prepare a letter closing the complaint. Katie Fox will send the letter to W.B. and offer resources. Katie Fox will also inform them of the next court date on August 18, 2025.</p> <p>B. T.M.. The Committee discussed T.M.'s complaint. T.M. 's complaint was filed by their attorney. The defendant had a plea in abeyance agreement that was terminated early due to a request from Adult Probation & Parole that the defendant's probation be terminated early. The court sent notice to the defense and prosecution and terminated the plea in abeyance agreement when they did not hear from either party. Brandon Simmons abstained from giving input on the complaint other than to provide factual information.</p> <p>Motion: Wnedy Isom makes a motion to find that there is an allegation of a victims' rights violation and to invite both parties to the next meeting. Doug Fawson seconds the motion. Brandon Simmons abstained from voting. The motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Action Items: Rachel Miller will prepare letters inviting T.M. and the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office to the next meeting. Katie Fox will send the letters and coordinate their attendance.</p> <p>C. A.H. The Committee discussed A.H.'s complaint. This complaint is about the Clinton Police Department which is in Davis County. The complaint also mentions Salt Lake Police Department. This complaint should be heard by the Second District Victim Rights Committee.</p> <p>Motion: No motion was made.</p> <p>Action Items: Katie Fox will send this complaint to Reed Richards, the chair of the Second District Victims' Rights Committee.</p> <p>D. G.V. The Committee discussed G.V.'s complaint. G.V. G.V. has submitted extensive information over the last year regarding their case. The Committee has 3 declination letters the Salt Lake City District Attorney's Office sent to agencies and G.V. regarding the declination of the case. G.V. expresses their frustration of not being involved in the screening process. The Committee discussed the SLC D.A. 's policies for screening cases. Brandon Simmons reviewed the case and confirmed that the policy was followed in this case. The Committee discussed resources for G.V.</p>

	<p>Motion: Rachel Miller makes a motion to close the complaint with no victim rights violation found. Rachel Doug Fawson seconds the motion. Brandon Simmons abstained from voting. The motion passes. None were opposed.</p> <p>Action Items: Rachel Miller will prepare a letter closing the complaint. Katie Fox will send the letter to G.V. and offer resources.</p> <p>E. N.S. The Committee discussed N.S's complaint. N.S. would like charges filed in their case. The Committee discussed the police report in the case to get a better understanding of the case. The case does not involve domestic violence. The officers reviewed video footage from the location where the assault occurred. The Committee cannot weigh in on charging decisions..</p> <p>Motion: Brandon Simmons makes a motion to close the complaint with no victim rights violation found. Chief Rich Ferguson seconds the motion. The motion passes. None were opposed.</p> <p>Action Items: Rachel Miller will prepare a letter closing the complaint. Katie Fox will send the letter to N.S. and offer resources.</p>
Agenda Item	Other Business
Notes	The Committee also discussed future meetings. Katie Fox sent out a Google Form to gauge the availability of the members. Wednesdays seemed to work best for those that responded. The Committee determined that the 2nd Wednesday of each month works best. They prefer to meet from 11:00 to 1:00. The meeting time and date will depend on the availability of the UOVC Training Room. Katie Fox will reach out to UOVC and send out a calendar invitation once a meeting space is secured.
Agenda Item	Public Comment
	Public comment was given during the meeting.
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Notes	<p>Motion: Rachel Miller made a motion to adjourn. Doug Fawson seconded the motion. The committee was adjourned.</p> <p>Next Meeting: August 13, 2025 12:00-2:00 pm</p> <p>Zoom link: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/86287710268?pwd=UPkUJ2oalx3E8Ky0qKOBICdkq8bp38.1 </p>