

## APPROVED SEVENTH DISTRICT VICTIM RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2025

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Seventh District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting November 13, 2024</b>
<b>Date</b> <b>Time</b> <b>Location</b>	November 13, 2025 11:00-12:00 pm Virtual: <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88465832581?pwd=9SmmlLb78DAxUPdnD6PxK4GCSQZcU7.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88465832581?pwd=9SmmlLb78DAxUPdnD6PxK4GCSQZcU7.1</a>
<b>Members Present</b>	<u>Virtual Attendance</u> : Andrea Noyes, Vanessa Justesen, , Stephen Stocks, Scott Sandefur, Shelley Wright
<b>Staff &amp; Visitors</b>	<u>Staff</u> : Katie Fox <u>Visitors</u> : T.S.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions/Establish Quorum - Andrea Noyes</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Andrea Noyes welcomed the committee and established a quorum. The meeting minutes from October 14, 2025 were discussed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion:</b> Vanessa Justesen made a motion to approve the October 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Scott Sandefur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, None were opposed.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Review of Complaints</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>a. T.S.</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the complaint from T.S. T.S. was present and addressed the committee. T.S. alleged significant systemic failures in communication, victim advocacy, and procedure from the Grand County Attorney's Office and its contracted victim advocate, T.S.'s grievances included a lack of guidance, critical technical failures that prevented them from speaking at a sentencing hearing, mismanagement of their Victim Impact Statement which prejudiced a related custody case in California, and concerns over the prosecutor's conduct. T.S. reported an inconsistency in the plea deal's terms. T.S. stated that in a phone conversation, County Attorney Stephen Stocks offered to extend the defendant's probation from three to six months, but the final agreement remained at three months. T.S. was concerned that Mr. Stocks argued in court using information provided by the defendant's California attorney regarding custody status of the children.</p> <p>Mr. Stocks addressed T.S.'s points directly, offering explanations and acknowledging areas for improvement. Mr. Stocks confirmed the VIS was filed with the court. His office sent an email confirmation to T.S. on August 18th, to which T.S. replied. Mr. Stocks acknowledged the difficulty of the situation but stated the audio issue was not intentional and his office has no control over the court's audio systems. Mr. Stocks explained that a prosecutor must evaluate all factors, including custody rulings from other courts, to form a fair and achievable plea offer. In response to the concerns about the victim advocate, Mr. Stocks acknowledge there have been issues with having a contracted victim advocate outside of their agency. Grand County is in the process of hiring an in house victim advocate that will be under his supervision.</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Andrea Noyes noted that additional information was provided by T.S. on the morning of the meeting. To ensure a thorough and fair review, the committee voted to postpone making a finding until its next meeting, allowing all members adequate time to review the full record. will prepare a letter closing the complaint. Katie Fox will notify T.S. and Stephen Stocks of the next committee meeting date and time.</p> <p><b>b. J.T.</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the complaint from J.T. The complaint was found to be unfocused and difficult to parse. It appeared to be a mixture of a public records (GRAMA) request, a request for the return of a service animal, and general complaints against law enforcement, including Officer Shaw. The complainant alleged failures to open a domestic violence case and</p>

	<p>stalking/harassment investigations. The committee concluded that key requests, such as the return of property, were outside its scope. The complaint lacked the specific context and information necessary to identify a potential violation of victim's rights under the governing statutes.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Andrea Noyes made a motion to find that a victim's rights violation had not been alleged. Vanessa Justesen seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. None were opposed.</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Andrea Noyes will draft a letter to J.T. informing them of the committee's determination. In the letter, J.T. will be invited to submit a new, more specific complaint with additional information if they wish for the committee to review the matter further. Katie Fox will send the letter and offer resources to J.T.</p> <p><b>c. D.C.</b> The Committee discussed the complaint from D.C. The complaint primarily detailed a civil landlord-tenant dispute, though it included an allegation that Officer Leonard Sawyer "belittled me, defamed, humiliated, [and] embarrassed me." Vanessa Justison provided extensive background, having spent over 50 hours on the case. She confirmed the matter is overwhelmingly civil and complicated by the complainant's mental health challenges. The committee noted that the complainant has submitted voluminous communications. The Sheriff's Office has reportedly made multiple attempts to formally address her allegations, but she has not followed through. The core of her grievance appears to be civil, and she has struggled to differentiate between civil and criminal matters.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Stephen Stocks made a motion to find that a victim's rights violation had not been alleged. Scott Sandefur seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. None were opposed.</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Andrea Noyes will draft a letter to D.C. informing them of the committee's determination. In the letter, D.C. will be invited to submit a new complaint focused specifically on the facts of her interaction with the law enforcement officer if she wishes for the committee to consider that single issue. Katie Fox will send the letter and offer resources to D.C.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Future Meetings</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The committee discussed when to meet again. They would like to meet soon to hear from T.S.</p> <p>Action Item: Katie Fox will send out a Doodle poll to determine what date and time works best for the members.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
<b>Notes</b>	None
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
	T.S. gave public comment during the discussion of their complaint. No additional public comment was made.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Shelley Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Sandefur seconded the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

	Next Meeting: TBD Zoom link: <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88465832581?pwd=9SmmlLb78DAxUPdnD6PxK4GCSQZcU7.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88465832581?pwd=9SmmlLb78DAxUPdnD6PxK4GCSQZcU7.1</a>
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