

## DRAFT SECOND DISTRICT VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2025

Committee	Second District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
<b>Date</b>	December 17, 2025
<b>Time</b>	10:00-11:30 am
<b>Location</b>	Weber/Morgan CJC 1845 Jackson Ave., Ogden, UT 84401 or ZOOM: <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfs0l8pWAxnBagvKaU3HicnkvlDfa.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfs0l8pWAxnBagvKaU3HicnkvlDfa.1</a>
<b>Members Present</b>	<p><u>Virtual Attendance:</u></p> <p><u>In-Person Attendance:</u> Reed Richards, Chris Allred, Scott Brenkman, Lisa Frazier, Chief Kelly Bennett, Sheriff Corey Stark, Christine Watters, Barbara Noriega</p>
<b>Staff &amp; Visitors</b>	<p><u>Staff:</u> Katie Fox</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> B.C., D.S., C.S., G.W., P.M.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions/Establish Quorum -Reed Richards</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Reed Richards welcomed the committee and introductions were given. A quorum was established.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Approval of September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes- Reed Richards</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The minutes from the September 16 2025 meeting were reviewed.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Chris Allred made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chief Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Review of Complaints</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>A. P.M.</b></p> <p>The Committee reviewed P.M.'s complaint. P.M. and their husband, L.M. were present virtually, but had to leave the meeting early. P.M. requested we continue their complaint to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>B. D.S.</b></p> <p>The committee discussed D.S.'s complaint. D.S. was present in person for the committee meeting. D.S. is the victim of multiple protective order violations by their ex-husband, including threats of violence. D.S. told the committee that an officer from Pleasant View PD (Lieutenant, now Chief, Tablet) was allegedly dismissive, laughed at D.S., and accused D.S. of harassing their ex-husband. D.S. alleges the officer filed a police report with false information favorable to the perpetrator, suggesting D.S. should be charged. D.S. reported that an initial prosecutor (James Swink) assured D.S. there were "clear violations" and charges would be filed. Subsequently, communication from the office ceased, and D.S.'s repeated calls went unanswered. D.S. discovered on their own, months later, that the charges had been dropped by a supervising prosecutor (Tish Tombs). The reason given for dropping the charges was that both parties were communicating via a third party. D.S. asserts the communication they engaged in was in response to threats from their ex-husband. A receptionist at the prosecutor's office incorrectly told D.S. they would not communicate with them because D.S. had filed a complaint with the committee. County Attorney Chris Allred confirmed this was an error and he had corrected the staff member, but the correction was not relayed to D.S.</p> <p>Chris Alred provided context from his office, stating the supervising prosecutor determined the case lacked prosecutorial merit due to the mutual communication, which could be challenging before a jury. He acknowledged a disagreement on the decision but stated that his office's records indicate lengthy conversations did occur with D.S.. The committee expressed concern over the alleged conduct of the police officer, which could intimidate a victim from seeking help.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by Christine Watters to refer Deborah to the Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic for legal support and the YCC for advocacy, to direct a committee member to</p>

contact the Chief of Pleasant View Police for a response to the allegations of misconduct, and to acknowledge the communication failures from the prosecutor's office have been heard by the County Attorney present at the meeting. find that there was no violation of S.M's victim's rights. The motion was seconded by Lisa Frazier. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action items:** Katie Fox and Lisa Frazier will provide D.S. with the contact information to the Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic and YCC. Sheriff Stark will reach out to the Chief of Pleasant View Police for a response to the allegations of misconduct.

**C. G.W.**

The committee discussed the G.W.'s complaint. G.W. was the victim of a violent home invasion in Layton involving multiple perpetrators, identified as known gang members. G.W., a military veteran, was shot at and returned fire in self-defense, striking one assailant. G.W. was present virtually during the committee meeting. G.W. was not notified or consulted before plea agreements were offered to three of the perpetrators. G.W. learned of one plea after the fact and was informed of the others by prosecutor Benjamin Wall only after G.W. initiated contact. The prosecutor reportedly asked to speak over the phone to avoid putting the information in writing. G.W. reported being treated "like a criminal" during an 8-hour interrogation by the Layton Police Department. G.W. alleges officers were dismissive, unprofessional, laughed, and threatened G.W. with arrest for "bullying" when G.W. sought the return of their property. Layton PD seized two of G.W.'s firearms. While one was legitimately held as evidence, a second was seized from G.W.'s truck under what G.W. alleges were false pretenses (a warrant for drugs where none were found, followed by a second warrant claiming the gun was used in the crime). This firearm was held for 6-8 months and was only returned after G.W. hired an attorney. Upon its return, the weapon was damaged, and expensive ammunition was missing.

The committee identified two primary issues for review: the prosecutor's failure to communicate regarding plea deals, a clear right under statute, and the alleged misconduct and disrespectful treatment of G.W. by the Layton Police Department. The circumstances surrounding the seizure of the second firearm were noted as requiring further investigation.

**Motion:** Chris Allred made a motion to request additional information from the involved agencies. The motion was seconded by Chief Bennet. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** Chris Allred will contact prosecutor Benjamin Wall, and Chief Bennett. will contact the Layton Police Department to get their formal response to the allegations before the committee makes a final determination.

**D. B.C.**

The committee discussed the B.C.'s complaint. B.C. was physically assaulted and strangled at his workplace. Farmington Police responded, documented visible injuries, and arrested the assailant on two felony counts. B.C. was present in person during the committee meeting. B.C. contacted Davis County victim services on April 23, before a charging decision was made, seeking guidance. B.C. was told their concerns were being documented. The Davis County Attorney's Office declined to prosecute the case on May 1. B.C. was not notified of this decision. B.C. only discovered it after making another inquiry on May 12. After filing GRAMA requests to understand the decision, B.C. was informed that no victim advocate notes, meeting records, or documentation of victim consultation or notification existed. The county acknowledged "informal prosecutorial discussions" occurred for which no records were kept. The case was referred to Farmington City, which also declined prosecution. B.C. sought clarity on the process and the evidence reviewed.

Committee members affirmed that under the Victim Rights statute, victims have a right to be assisted and understand what is happening with their case. Practices from other jurisdictions were shared, such as Utah County, where victim coordinators personally call victims in all

person-crime cases that are declined for prosecution. At a minimum, a letter is sent. B.C. stated they attempted to contact Davis County Attorney Troy Rollins but was met with an unhelpful response.

**Motion:** Chief Kelly Bennett made a motion to contact the Davis County Attorney's Office to request their response to the complaint and to facilitate a meeting between B.C. and the prosecutor. The motion was seconded by Christine Watters. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** Chris Allred will contact the Davis County Attorney's Office to get a response to the complaint and to try to facilitate a meeting between B.C. and the Davis County prosecutor.

**E. J.J.**

The committee discussed J.J.'s complaint. The complaint concerned a failure to receive restitution. Lisa Frazier followed up and clarified the collection process, providing the victim with the correct contact information for the court clerk's office, which is responsible for collections. The committee will close this file.

**Action Items:** Reed Richards will prepare a letter for J.J. formally closing their complaint. Katie Fox will send the letter to J.J.

**F. C.S.**

The committee discussed C.S.'s complaint. C.S. was present in person for the committee meeting. C.S. has a permanent protective order in place against an ex-spouse after a history of 47 temporary order violations and 6 subsequent criminal violations. The abuse has continued, including the ex-spouse using their son to surveil C.S.. A victim advocate recommended a meeting with the Layton City Prosecutor to coordinate a response to violations occurring across multiple jurisdictions, but the meeting never took place. After submitting extensive, organized evidence of surveillance, C.S. learned a month later, without any official notification, that the prosecutor had declined the case. Both C.S. and their attorney made numerous attempts to speak with the Layton City Prosecutor's office, but their calls were not returned and scheduled appointments were not kept. A divorce court judge reviewed the same surveillance evidence, issued a restraining order, and called the conduct a violation of "all common sense and all goodness," while the prosecutor's office declined to file criminal charges.

The committee noted that Layton City had provided a written response claiming communication had occurred, which conflicts with C.S.'s account. The response letter from Layton City indicated a willingness to provide more information to the committee privately but not in a public meeting.

**Motion:** Chief Kelly Bennett made a motion to contact the Layton City prosecutor to receive the confidential information offered and to strongly recommend that the prosecutor's office communicate directly with C.S. or their attorney. The motion was seconded by Christine Watters. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** Chief Bennett will reach out to Mark Arrington to receive the confidential information and recommend that he meet with C.S. and their attorney.

**G. R.D.**

The committee discussed R.D.'s complaint. Reed Richards spoke with R.D. to get additional information about the complaint. R.D. was the victim of an elaborate fraud scheme, paying \$11,000 to a fake attorney to resolve a fictitious criminal investigation being conducted by a fake law enforcement task force. As the victim has not yet filed a police report, R.D. has not formally entered the criminal justice system, and there is no basis for a victim's rights

	<p>violation. The committee will again recommend that he report the crime to the local police department.</p> <p><b>Action Items:</b> Reed Richards will call R.D. and discuss the committee's decision with them. Reed Richards will also prepare a letter for R.D. formally closing the complaint. Katie Fox will send the letter to R.D.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Future Meetings</b>
	The committee will meet again when additional complaints are received.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
Notes	None
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
	Public comment was received during the review of the complaints.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
Notes	<p>The committee adjourned.</p> <p>Next Meeting: TBD  Zoom link:  <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfvs0l8pWAxnBagvKaU3HicnkvlDfA.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfvs0l8pWAxnBagvKaU3HicnkvlDfA.1</a></p>