

**DRAFT SIXTH DISTRICT VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 5, 2026
-Pending Approval**

Committee	Sixth District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
Date Time Location	March 5, 2026 11:00-12:00 pm Virtual: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88185796061?pwd=b4ctTFQlgLjFloKhviWgFYoadzCGlr.1
Members Present	<u>Virtual Attendance</u> : Devin Shakespear, Kent Burggraaf, Dustin Veater, Chief Tom Cram, Sheriff Tracy Glover
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff</u> : Katie Fox <u>Visitors</u> : B.S., K.G., Shehnoor Grewal, Wes Mangum, Clint, Kevin Daniels, Josh Christner, Kevin Stoker, Stephanie Sorenson, JoAnna Kidd, User
Agenda Item	Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum - Devin Shakespear
Notes	Devin Shakespear welcomed the committee. Devin established that a quorum was present. The meeting minutes from January 15, 2025 and October 10, 2025 were discussed. Motion: Devin Shakespear made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2025 meeting and the January 15, , 2026 meeting. Kent Burggraaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	Review of Complaints
Notes	<p>1. B.S. Complaint</p> <p>The committee discussed B.S.'s complaint. B.S. is a victim of a Class B misdemeanor domestic violence assault that occurred in February 2024. The complaint focused on a systemic lack of communication from the prosecutor, Mr. Chrisner. B.S told the Committee the prosecutor allegedly negotiated with the defendant's attorney without ever speaking directly to B.S. about the details of the assault. B.S. remained unaware of the case status from November 2024 through the date of the hearing, including the status of a requested \$800 restitution for medical bills. B.S. claimed not to receive a copy of a protective order—which went into effect in May—until October, after a victim advocate provided it.</p> <p>Mr. Chrisner admitted to a breakdown in communication but provided context to his interactions with B.S. He claimed to have sent multiple emails (January 2nd and January 28th) and made several phone calls. However, it was discovered during the meeting that the email address on file for the victim was incorrect. He stated he was working with the Utah Office of Victims of Crime to secure restitution and that partial payment had been made. Mr. Chrisner expressed regret for the victim feeling "alone" and indicated he has since implemented new procedures to involve the victim advocate's office more heavily in Justice Court cases.</p> <p>Motion: Devin Shakespear made a motion to find no violation of B.S. 's rights to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity and the right to be informed of important criminal justice hearings. Devin further motioned to find a violation of B.S.'s right to be informed and assisted in the criminal justice process. Kent Burggraaf seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-2 with Devin Shakespear, Kent Burggraaf, and Chief Cram voting yes with Sheriff Glover and Dustin Veater voting no.</p> <p>Action Items: Devin Shakespear will prepare letters to B.S. and the Sevier County Attorney's Office informing them of the Committee's decision. Devin will include the recommendations of the Committee for prosecutors to utilize victim advocates as a "team" to manage notifications, particularly in Justice Court where cases resolve quickly. Also the recommendation of sending emails after every hearing, even for routine pre-trial conferences, to ensure victims do not feel ignored by the slow legal system. Katie Fox will send the letters.</p>

2. M.O. Complaint

The committee discussed M.O.'s complaint. K.G. was present as the personal representative for her late mother, M.O. K.G. filed a complaint regarding the Sanpete County Attorney's Office's decision to decline prosecution in her mother's death. M.O. died in April 2024, and while the Medical Examiner (ME) ruled the cause as natural, K.G. alleged foul play or criminal negligence by the caregiver. K.G. alleged that prosecutors failed to review a final comprehensive timeline featuring digital links to medical records, text messages, and autopsy findings. K.G. claimed prosecutors incorrectly stated a confession of intent was required, ignoring statutes regarding criminal negligence or recklessness. K.G. disputed the finding that her mother was not a vulnerable adult despite medical evidence of her reliance on a caregiver.

Sanpete County Attorney Kevin Daniels and prosecutors Shehnoor Grewal and Wes Mangum defended the decision to decline the case: The prosecutors relied heavily on the Medical Examiner's report, which found no foul play. They argued that without an expert medical opinion to the contrary, they could not meet the reasonable likelihood of conviction standard. The office took the position that because no crime was charged and the death was ruled natural, M.O. was not a statutory victim, and therefore the victim rights statutes did not apply. Prosecutors noted they spent over 25 emails and a nearly hour-long meeting with K.G., which they argued exceeded their legal obligations for an uncharged, unattended death. Mr. Daniels stated it would be "unethical" to file charges based on a civilian-led investigation that contradicted professional medical and law enforcement findings.

The committee deliberated on whether victim rights apply when a case is declined. While the committee proceeded under the supposition that K.G. could be treated as a victim for the purpose of the complaint.

Motion: Kent Burggraaf made a motion to close the complaint with no finding of violation of victims' rights of any of the seven alleged violations. Dustin Veater seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items: Devin Shakespear will prepare letters to K.G. and the Sanpete County Attorney's Office informing them of the Committee's decisions. Katie Fox will send the letters.

Agenda Item	Public Comment
	Public comment was given during the discussion of the complaints.
Agenda Item	Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn
Notes	Devin Shakespear made a motion to adjourn. The motion passes unanimously. Next Meeting: TBD Zoom link: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88185796061?pwd=b4ctTFQLgLJFJoKhviWgFYoadzCGlr.1