

<b>DRAFT FOURTH DISTRICT VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING May 4, 2026</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Fourth District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	May 4, 2026
<b>Time</b>	1:00-2:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	Virtual: <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88233404467?pwd=QMglbXmAOrHyyWB3WWObLBdONJPb2d.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88233404467?pwd=QMglbXmAOrHyyWB3WWObLBdONJPb2d.1</a>
<b>Members Present</b>	<u>Virtual Attendance</u> : Sandi Johnson, Scott Sweat, Tom Jindra, Chief BJ Robinson, Kevin Thurman
<b>Staff &amp; Visitors</b>	<u>Staff</u> : Katie Fox  <u>Visitors</u> : Christopher Ballard, Chris Buckley, Amy Pomeroy, Kelsey Shepherd, Samuel Corona, Sarah Varner
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions/Establish Quorum</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Sandi Johnson welcomed the Committee. Sandi Johnson established that a quorum was present.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Approve Minutes from April 6, 2026 Meeting</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Sandi Johnson inquired if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the previous meeting.  <b>Motion</b> : Tom Jindra made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2026 meeting. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Kevin Thurman abstaining from the vote.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Review of Complaints</b>

**Notes**

**1. K.A. Complaint**

The Committee discussed K.A. 's complaint dated 02.15.2026. The victim, KA, alleged violations concerning the right to be informed of their role in the case, the right to clear explanations of legal proceedings, and the right to fairness and dignity following a plea deal where the defendant did not plead guilty to charges specifically involving KA.

The Committee reviewed the response from the Utah County Attorney's Office and the efforts of the prosecutor and Victim Witness Coordinator Kelsey Shepard. Amy Pomeroy and Kelsey Shepherd were present. The response showed that the office proactively attempted to locate K.A. at the case's inception, even searching for a contact number because the entry on the victim witness statement was illegible. Furthermore, the office demonstrated compliance by respecting legal boundaries once informed that K.A. was represented by counsel, while still attempting to coordinate through said representation. K.A. was invited to the meeting, but did not attend.

**Motion:** Tom Jindra motioned to find that no violation of victims' rights could be sustained. Kevin Thurman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** Sandi Johnson will draft letters to K.A. and the Utah County Attorney's Office informing them of the decision. Katie Fox will send the letters and offer resources to K.A.

**2. H.P Complaint**

The Committee discussed H.P.'s complaint dated 03.09.2026. This is the third complaint against the Utah County Attorney's Office (UCAO) that H.P. has filed. Christopher Ballard and Samuel Corona were present in the meeting. The underlying criminal case involves Dr. David Broadbent and has been ongoing for approximately three years. The complaint alleges two violations of victims' rights, but the Committee only moved forward on the right to timely notice of the cancellation of any proceedings. The Committee reviewed the court docket and H.P.'s complaint form regarding a pretrial conference originally set for March 2, then rescheduled for March 9, 2026. H.P. was notified that the hearing would take place on Monday, March 9 at 5:20 pm on Friday, March 6. On Monday, March 9, H.P. called the attorney's office in the morning and was told the hearing was still proceeding. After checking the online docket and calling again, H.P. was informed it had been cancelled. The court docket shows the March 9 hearing may have been scheduled as early as January 28, yet the victim was not notified of the specific Monday date until the preceding Friday evening.

The response from UCAO informed the Committee that the defense attorney texted the prosecutor on a Sunday night requesting a continuance. The prosecutor emailed the court on Monday morning but did not copy the victim witness coordinator or notify the victim directly. The Chair expressed frustration that the prosecutor, despite knowing this victim had two prior complaints related to the lack of notifications about the court case, failed to use a simple text or email to provide updates. There was also discussion regarding the court's responsibility to inquire about victim rights during continuances.

The Committee determined this prosecutorial breakdown was a violation. While the victim coordinator was diligent in checking calendars, the liability rests solely with the prosecutor for failing to communicate the change as soon as practicable as required by Utah Code. The failure to include the victim coordinator in the communication left the victim to find information on their own during the proceedings.

Determination: Violation Sustained. The committee found that the prosecutor failed to communicate the cancellation "timely."

**Motion:** Kevin Thurman motioned to find a violation of H.P. 's rights to timely notice by the Utah County Attorney's Office of cancellation of any proceedings. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** Sandi Johnson will draft letters to H.P. and the Utah County Attorney’s Office informing them of the decision. Katie Fox will send the letters and offer resources to H.P.

**3. N.H. Complaint**

The Committee discussed N.H.’s complaint dated 04.13.2026. N.H. claimed their right to be heard was compromised because a written letter to the judge was not submitted, despite assurances from the victim advocate. N.H. also cited concerns regarding a lack of notice on protective order terms. The Committee noted a conflict of interest in Wasatch County that led to the involvement of a Summit County advocate. Audio from the May 28th hearing confirmed that N.H. spoke for seven minutes. However, N.H. had also submitted a formal letter to the Wasatch County victim advocate, who confirmed via email that she would make sure the judge was aware of the letter. There was no record of this letter on the court docket or any reference to it by the judge during the hearing. While N.H. spoke at the hearing, the committee discussed that a written statement allows for a more articulate, less pressurized form of expression. The failure to submit the letter as promised constitutes a potential violation of the right to be heard.

**Motion:** Tom Jindra motioned to find a potential violation of N.H.’s right to be heard. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. Sandi Johnson further motioned to find that the violations regarding protective order notifications were not sustained as they fall outside the specific victim rights statutes governed by the committee. The motions passed with Scott Sweat abstaining from the vote.

**Action Items:** Sandi Johnson will draft letters to N.H. and the Wasatch County Attorney’s Office inviting them to the next meeting and requesting additional information. Katie Fox will send the letters and coordinate their attendance.

**4. E.W. Complaint**

The Committee discussed E.W.’s complaint dated 04.27.2026. E.W. completed a victim impact statement in April 2024. E.W. was never notified that the case was closed or that the sentencing had occurred. A review of the court docket showed no victim witness statement had been filed. The committee moved to acquire more information from the relevant prosecutor’s office.

**Motion:** Kevin Thurman motioned to find a potential violation of E.W.’s rights to be heard at sentencing. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** Sandi Johnson will draft letters to E.W. and the Utah County Attorney’s Office inviting them to the next meeting and requesting additional information. Katie Fox will send the letters and coordinate their attendance.

**5. J.M. Complaint**

The Committee deferred this complaint to the June 1, 2026 meeting, based on the pending loss of a quorum.

**Motion:** Scott Sweat motioned to defer this complaint to June’s meeting. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Kevin Thurman abstaining.

Agenda Item	Public Comment
	Public comment was given during the discussion of the complaints.

Agenda Item	Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn
Notes	<p>Sandi Johnson made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned.</p> <p>Next Meeting: June 1, 2026, 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm</p> <p>Zoom link: <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88233404467?pwd=QMqJbXmAOrHyyWB3WWObLBdONJPb2d.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88233404467?pwd=QMqJbXmAOrHyyWB3WWObLBdONJPb2d.1</a></p>