

APPROVED FOURTH DISTRICT VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 6, 2026

Committee	Fourth District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
Date Time Location	July 6, 2026 1:00-2:45 pm Virtual: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88233404467?pwd=QMglbXmAOrHyyWB3WWObLBdONlPb2d.1
Members Present	<u>Virtual Attendance</u> : Sandi Johnson, Scott Sweat, Amy Taylor, Kevin Thurman, Tom Jindra, Chief BJ Robinson
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff</u> : Katie Fox <u>Visitors</u> : Conrad Hafen, J.M., Jennifer Reyes-Cairo
Agenda Item	Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum
Notes	Sandi Johnson welcomed the Committee. Sandi Johnson established that a quorum was present.
Agenda Item	Approve Minutes from June 1, 2026 Meeting
Notes	Sandi Johnson inquired if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion : Scott Sweat made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2026 meeting. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	Review of Complaints
Notes	1. J.M. Complaint The Committee discussed J.M.'s complaint. J.M. and Conrad Hafen from the Saratoga Springs City Attorney's Office were present in the meeting. The Committee had reviewed the responses provided by J.M. and Mr. Hafen prior to the meeting. J.M.'s complaint centered on a lack of transparency and communication from the Saratoga Springs Attorney's Office following a domestic violence incident involving their spouse. J.M. stated there was only one initial contact with a victim advocate, occurring the day after the arrest. JM described the call as brief. J.M. told the committee they were never informed of the legal process, hearing dates, or their rights to hold the offender accountable. At the time of the criminal proceedings, J.M. was navigating a divorce and a civil protective order with separate private attorneys. J.M. was not aware of how these civil matters intersected with the criminal case. Mr. Hafen relayed to the committee that the prosecution requested a PreTrial Protective Order for J.M., which was ultimately denied by Judge Boyle. Mr. Hafen told the committee that the request itself proves a detailed conversation must have occurred. Mr. Hafen's personal notes indicated he called J.M. and left a message regarding plea negotiations prior to the entry of plea. He stated that the call was never returned. The case occurred under COVID-19 protocols, which Mr. Hafen noted how hearings and victim interactions were managed at the time. The victim advocate involved in the case is no longer employed by the city. It remains unclear if she kept formal notes or where those notes are stored, as the city did not have a centralized digital tracking system for advocates at that time. Members noted the difficulty of adjudicating a case from four years ago without robust documentation. The committee generally agreed that leaving a voicemail constitutes a "good faith effort" to notify a victim. Because Mr. Hafen had a note of the call and J.M. did not remember receiving it, the committee found it difficult to prove a failure to notify. Sandi Johnson emphasized that the initial 24-48 hours after a crime can be traumatic for victims. She told the committee members that expecting victims to make complex legal decisions

	during this window is unrealistic and that agencies should follow up after the initial crisis has passed. Motion: Scott Sweat made a motion to find that there was no violation of J.M.'s victim's rights by the Saratoga Springs City Attorney's Office. Tom Jindra seconded the motion. Kevin Thurman abstained from the vote. The motion passed. Action Items: Sandi Johnson will prepare letters to the Saratoga Springs City Attorney's Office and J.M. informing them of the committee's decision. Katie Fox will send the letters and offer resources to J.M..
Agenda Item	Public Comment
	Public Comment was given during the discussion of the complaints.
Agenda Item	Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn
Notes	Sandi Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Scott Sweat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned. Next Meeting: August 3, 2026, 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm Zoom link: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/88233404467?pwd=QMqlbXmAOrHyyWB3WWObLBdONJPb2d.1