

SAMPLE SVP VICTIM NOTIFICATION – NOT PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH OVA

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JULY 22, 2015

JANE DOE
1101 S. FRONT STREET
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RE: John Doe

Inmate #: ZZ9999
Parole #: 999ZZ

Dear JANE DOE,

We are writing to you today as your case has been identified as one where notification is required by law. The Office of Victim Advocate (OVA) is dedicated to representing, protecting and advancing the individual and collective rights and interests of crime victims. We are very sorry that you have been the victim of a crime. We realize this may be the first time you have been contacted by a victim services agency; please know that we are here to help. The OVA is committed to ensuring you receive this information in a respectful and compassionate manner. In this packet you will find a DVD message from our Victim Advocate, Jennifer Storm. We encourage you to find a quiet place to watch the video.

This letter serves as confirmation of your registration with the Office of Victim Advocate (OVA). The OVA is now partnering with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Megan's Law Unit to facilitate and supplement victim notifications. Victim safety is paramount to the PSP and the OVA. It is our hope that through this collaboration the OVA can support you with the many services we provide to crime victims. This partnership is intended to enhance any services, information, and updates about the offender throughout his/her tenure in the prison, parole, and probation system.

Briefly, Megan's Law was recently updated by the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act ("SORNA"), 42 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 9799.10 et seq., requiring the PSP to maintain a database that lists the location of convicted sexual offenders, and to provide notification to the public of the presence of registered sexual offenders in their community. SORNA also requires the PSP or the local municipal police department, to provide notice to a sexually violent predator's or sexually violent delinquent child's victim(s) at certain times throughout the criminal justice process.

Please be advised that as of the date of this letter, the offender in your case has been identified as a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) or as a Sexually Violent Delinquent Child (SVDC). **The**

offender is currently housed in a State Correctional Institution Camp Hill. The Pennsylvania Crime Victims Act, 18 P.S. §§ 11.101 et seq., provides victims who register with the OVA rights to receive notifications and updates from both the Department of Corrections and the Board of Probation and Parole regarding the offender's release status by registering with the OVA.

Additionally, the Pennsylvania Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (PA SAVIN) service is an automated system that notifies registrants of the change in physical custody that offenders may have, including movement within the prison system, as well as release and re-incarceration. This program can be used in addition to our registration. Please call our office if you would like to register with SAVIN.

The PSP has also provided a tracking ability within the Megan's Law website for you to create a confidential account to receive email notifications of the changes to any offender's status. The URL link to initiate this process is <http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us>.

Finally, if you should change any of your contact information, PLEASE notify us as soon as possible. Without the proper contact information, we cannot guarantee timely notification. Most notifications we provide are by mail; however, a few notifications are provided by telephone. You may call us at 1-800-563-6399 or email us at Ra-OVASORNAInfo@pa.gov. Please be sure to include your registration number that is found at the bottom of this letter.

If for some reason you would prefer not to receive these notifications from our office, please fill out the attached waiver of notification and send it to the address above.

If you feel you are receiving this letter in error, please contact our office as soon as possible at 1-800-563-6399.

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Sincerely,

*June Wilson-Moore
SORNA Victim Assistance Coordinator
Office of Victim Advocate*

OVA-SORNA REGISTRATION #1
Registration #: XXXXXX
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OVA-SORNA REGISTRATION #2
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