TN Department of Correction

Victims' Voice

Newsletter For Those Impacted By Crime

November 2022

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From the Director of Victim Services

The 20th Annual "Tennessee Season to Remember " ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 p.m. CST. We are excited to gather together again in person for the first time since the pandemic. The event will also be steamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/firstbaptistchurchnashville .

Our emcee for the event will be Alex Denis with WKRN News Channel 2 Nashville and our keynote speakers are Donnie and Penny Fox whose brother/brother-in-law was killed by vehicular homicide. The Tennessee Board of Parole, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Department of Correction, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration's Office of Criminal Justice Programs, Tennessee Secretary of State's Office, Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, Tennessee Department of Treasury, and Tennessee Rehabilitative Initiative in Correction (TRICOR) are sponsors of this year's event. Also providing support are victim advocacy groups You Have the Power and Tennessee Voices for Victims, U.S. Attorney's Office Middle District of Tennessee and the Davidson County District Attorney General's Office.

We hope you will join us!

Tamika Dobbins

Victim Services Mission

To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.

Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

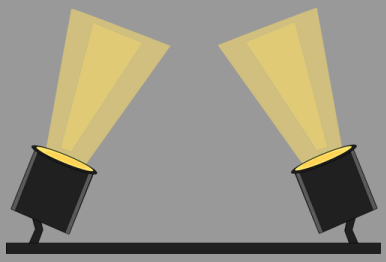
Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

Victims Services Highlights….Let's meet

For over three years, Lakeia Crump-Mays has been an extraordinary leader within the Criminal Justice field. Her noteworthy experience has progressed her career and has allowed her opportunity to significantly impact the lives of those she serves. Quickly advancing from the role of a Probation Officer Supervisor to an Assistant Program Director of a Batterer Intervention Program, Mrs. Crump-Mays now oversees the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant at the Tennessee Coalition to end Domestic & Sexual Violence where she serves as the Program Specialist and Inclusivity Committee Chair. Lakeia determinedly advocates for victims' rights and safety as well as promotes accessible services for the underserved and unserved populations.

By focusing endlessly on victim advocacy, Lakeia has been able to put her Criminal Justice degree earned at Bethel University to good use. Mrs. Crump-Mays has dedicated her time in providing assistance to victims through established programs.



VOICE (Victim Offender Information Caller Emissary) to be Decommissioned

The Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) currently provides a toll-free hotline service for victims/victim family members to receive offender information. This service is provided through a system known as VOICE (Victim Offender Information Caller Emissary) which retrieves offender data details (current location, sentence expiration date, sentence effective date, parole hearing information, etc.). **This service has been replaced with VINE and will be disabled effective December 5, 2022.**

The same data will be available through VINE, and we highly encourage all current users of VOICE to transition over to VINE at VINELink - Tennessee (vineapps.com) or by phone at 888-868-4631.

Offender information may also be found on our website at FOIL - Offender Search (tn.gov).

Please contact Victim Services if you have any questions at victim.notification@tn.gov.

Victim Services Monthly Statistics

Central Office Phone Calls

Telephone Calls	October
Phone calls Received/Returned	219
Parties Registered for Notifications (phone/mail/fax/email)	121
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	4
Referrals	62
Release/Parole Inquiry	79
Other	81

Central Office Mailed Notifications

Notifications Mailed	October
Registrations/Voice	116
Movement	55
Advance Release	230
Final Release *	30
Death	17
Other	4

Notification Statistics By Delivery Method Report
10-01-2022 to 10-31-2022

Agency	Month	Email	TTY	SMS	Phone	InApp	Letter	Total
TN Department of Correction	October 2022	68,614	32	150,387	36,485	4,777	n/a	**260,295**
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New Registration Statistics By Registrant Classification
10-01-2022 to 10-31-2022

		Anonymous	Concerned citizen	Family member of offender	Family member of victim	Law enforcement	Not Reported	Other	Victim	Victim coordinator/advocate	Total
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Season of Remembrance

Shelby County District Attorney General Steve Mulroy invites you to join him in honoring the memory of the Shelby County homicide victims

Monday, November 28, 2022

5:00pm Check In & Reception
5:30pm Ceremony Begins

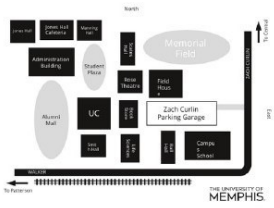
University of Memphis Michael D. Rose Theater
470 University, Memphis, TN

Family and friends of victims are invited to bring an ornament to place on a wreath to honor their loved one.

Please make sure your ornament is not decorated with glitter. The UofM has a strict no glitter policy.

There will also be a tree honoring the 2022 homicide victims.

FREE PARKING is available in the garage next to the Rose Theater. See map below



For questions, contact Amy McCullough at
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Twelfth Annual

Victims' Tree of Remembrance

Thursday, December 08 2022, at 5:30 pm

**Sevier County Courthouse* Sevierville, TN*

District Attorney General James B. Dunn invites you to join him for the Victims' Tree of Remembrance, honoring the memory of victims of violent crime in the Fourth Judicial District. Please bring an ornament you have made or bought to hang on the Remembrance Tree. Holston's Restaurant is graciously catering the meal. After this event, the decorated tree will remain on display in the Sevier County Courthouse Foyer throughout the holiday season. Law Enforcement agencies from all counties in the Fourth Judicial District are also invited to attend. We will have a table set up for you to check-in between 5:00p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information, please contact:

Kim Hudson, Victim-Witness Coordinator at (423) 623-1285

Stevie Craxdale, Assistant Victim-Witness Coordinator at (865) 429-7021 ext. 107

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Stephanie Johnson, Assistant Victim-Witness Coordinator at (865) 828-6462

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WHAT VICTIMS CAN DO IF THEY'RE A

Tennessee Domestic Violence Hotline - 800-356-6767

National Domestic Violence Hotline - 800.799.SAFE

Battered Women's Justice Project - 800.903.0111

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 877.MADD.HELP

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - 800.843.5678

Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline—1-855-558-6484

National Human Trafficking Hotline - 888.373.7888

Sexual Assault Center 24 Hour Crisis & Support: 1-866-811-RISE (7473)

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