

## Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) [(i)] "Defendant" means a person charged with or convicted of a crime in this State involving or causing personal injury, death, or property loss as a direct result of the crime, and includes a person found not criminally responsible for criminal conduct under § 12-108 of the Health - General Article.

[(ii) "Defendant" includes a person who has voluntarily and intelligently admitted to the commission of a crime for which the person is not prosecuted.]

(3) "Person" means a natural person, a firm, corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity.

(4) "Victim":

(i) Means a person who suffers personal injury, death, or property loss as a direct result of crime; and

(ii) Includes, in the event of the death of a victim, the victim's estate OR A BENEFICIARY UNDER A WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

(5) "NOTORIETY OF CRIMES CONTRACT" MEANS A CONTRACT OR OTHER AGREEMENT WITH A DEFENDANT, OR A REPRESENTATIVE OR ASSIGNEE OF A DEFENDANT, WITH RESPECT TO:

(I) THE REENACTMENT OF A CRIME BY WAY OF A MOVIE, BOOK, MAGAZINE ARTICLE, TAPE RECORDING, PHONOGRAPH RECORD, RADIO OR TELEVISION PRESENTATION, OR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT OF ANY KIND, ~~OR WITH RESPECT TO;~~

(II) THE EXPRESSION OF THE DEFENDANT'S THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, OPINIONS, OR EMOTIONS REGARDING A CRIME INVOLVING OR CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY LOSS AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE CRIME; OR

~~(H)~~ (III) THE PAYMENT OR EXCHANGE OF ANY MONEY OR OTHER CONSIDERATION OR THE PROCEEDS OR PROFITS THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESULT FROM A CRIME, A SENTENCE, OR THE NOTORIETY OF A CRIME OR SENTENCE.

(b) A person who [contracts] ENTERS A NOTORIETY OF CRIMES CONTRACT with a defendant, or a representative or assignee of that defendant, [with respect to the reenactment of a crime by way of a movie, book, magazine article, tape recording, phonograph record, radio or television presentation, live entertainment of any kind, or with respect to the expression of the defendant's thoughts, feelings, opinions, or emotions regarding the crime,] shall: