

(4) "Victim" means a victim who has filed a notification request form under § 770 of this article.

(5) "WITNESS" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO:

(I) HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTENCE OF FACTS RELATING TO A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED UNDER § 643B OF THIS ARTICLE OR CONSPIRACY OR SOLICITATION TO COMMIT A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED UNDER § 643B OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(II) 1. MAKES A DECLARATION UNDER OATH THAT IS RECEIVED AS EVIDENCE FOR ANY PURPOSE; OR

2. HAS BEEN SERVED WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A COURT OF THE STATE, OF ANY OTHER STATE, OR OF THE UNITED STATES.

(B) IF A WITNESS REQUESTS IN WRITING FOR A COMMITMENT AGENCY TO NOTIFY THE WITNESS IN WRITING OF A DEFENDANT'S RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY.

[(b)] (C) On receipt of a notification request form under § 770(f) or (i) of this article OR A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM A WITNESS FOR NOTIFICATION, if practicable, a commitment agency shall notify the victim OR WITNESS of:

(1) The commitment agency's receipt of the notification request form;

(2) The date on which the defendant was placed under the custody of the commitment agency;

(3) How to change the address of the [victim] WITNESS, VICTIM, or of the person to receive notice for the victim; and

(4) How to elect not to receive any future notices.

[(c)] (D) A commitment agency shall notify a victim OR WITNESS, in advance if practicable, if any of the following events occur concerning the defendant:

(1) An escape;

(2) A recapture;

(3) A transfer to another commitment agency;

(4) A release from confinement and any conditions attached to the release; and

(5) The death of the defendant.

[(d)] (E) A commitment agency may not disclose to a defendant the address or telephone number of a [victim] WITNESS, VICTIM, or person who receives notice for the victim.