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Heather Gifford
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Re: United States v. ALBERT POET
Case Number 2005R00157 and Court Docket Number: 06-643

Dear Heather [REDACTED]

Your name was forwarded to our office by law enforcement as a victim (or potential victim) in the above mentioned criminal case. We will continue to provide you with updated scheduling and event information as the case proceeds through the criminal justice system. The enclosed information provides instructions for accessing the Victim Notification System (VNS) Call Center and VNS web site.

Charges have been filed against defendant(s) ALBERT POET. The lead prosecutor for this case is Eugenia Cowles. The main charge is categorized as *Other Criminal Prosecutions*.

The Crime Victims' Rights Act gives victims of criminal offenses in Federal court certain rights, including: (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused; (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, involving the crime, or of any release or escape of the accused; (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding; (4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, or sentencing; (5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case; (6) The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law; (7) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and (8) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

We will make our best efforts to ensure you are provided the rights described above. It is important to keep in mind that the defendant(s) are presumed innocent until proven guilty and that presumption requires both the Court and our office to take certain steps to ensure that justice is served. While our office cannot act as your attorney or provide you with legal advice, you can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to these rights or other related legal matters.

Defendant(s), ALBERT POET, ALBERT POET, has been released from federal custody.

The Victim Notification System (VNS) is designed to provide you with information regarding the case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS web site at WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program. If you update your contact information to include a current email address, VNS will send information to that email address. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) '1568596' and Personal Identification Number (PIN) '3873' anytime you contact the Call Center and anytime you log on to the VNS web site. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is Gifford.

Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions. If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Shirley Estreicher

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Victim Witness Coordinator