

**Victim Participation in Plea Agreements**  
*(effective July 1, 2001)*

Pursuant to 19.2-11.01 of the Code of Virginia, **upon written request of the victim** in a felony case, the prosecutor for the Commonwealth must consult with the victim either verbally or in writing to inform the victim of the contents of a proposed plea agreement and obtain the victim's views concerning plea negotiations. The court is not allowed to accept a plea agreement unless it finds that the Commonwealth has, except for good cause shown, complied with the bill's provisions.

**Upon written request**, the victim is to be notified of any proceeding in which the plea agreement will be tendered to the court. **The duty to consult with the victim does not limit the ability of the attorney for the Commonwealth to exercise his discretion concerning the handling of any criminal charge.** The responsibility to consult with the victim does not confer upon the defendant any substantive or procedural rights and may not affect the validity of any pleas entered by the defendant.



As a victim in a felony case, I hereby request to be notified of the contents of a proposed plea agreement, and I further request to be notified of any proceeding in which the plea agreement will be tendered to the court. I understand that the duty to consult with me does not limit the ability of the attorney for the Commonwealth to exercise his discretion concerning the handling of the criminal charge. I further understand it is my responsibility to complete this form and mail it to the Victim-Witness Program P.O. Box 159 Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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home number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

work number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Victim

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Date