

## FILING TIME EXPLANATION FORM



**INSTRUCTIONS TO VICTIM/APPLICANT:** Pursuant to s. 960.07 (2), Fla. Stat., for crimes occurring before October 1, 2019, claims must be received no later than one year after the crime, or less than two years from the date of crime when the victim provides an explanation which demonstrates good cause. For crimes occurring on or after October 1, 2019, claims must be received no later than three years after the crime, or less than five years when the victim provides an explanation which demonstrates good cause. Claims are not considered filed until they are received by the department. The purpose of this form is to collect an explanation for why the claim was not filed timely. No explanation is acceptable for an adult filing a claim more than five years after the occurrence of the crime, unless s. 960.07(2)(b) or (c), 960.07(3), or 960.07(4), Fla. Stat., applies. Return the form directly to the Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Victim Compensation, PL-01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, by facsimile to (850) 414-6197, or email to VCIntake@MyFloridaLegal.com.

### **SECTION ONE: VICTIM'S INFORMATION** (please print)

1. Name: (last, first, middle) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 3. Last Four Social Security Number: XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. City: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. State: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION TWO: EXPLANATION** (please print)

10. Please identify the reason(s) below by selecting the applicable explanation.
- The record shows that the victim/applicant was pursuing other means of recourse.
  - The victim/applicant was not emotionally, mentally, or physically able to file the claim.
  - The victim/applicant was unaware that a compensation program exists.
  - A language or cultural barrier hinders the access needed to file the claim timely.
  - The victim was under the age of 18 at the time of crime. (Minor victims have one year or two years with good cause shown after turning 18 years of age for the department to receive their application for crimes occurring before October 1, 2019. For crimes occurring on or after October 1, 2019, a victim who was under the age of 18 at the time of crime has three years or five years with good cause shown for the department to receive their application.)
  - Other: (please be specific)  
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### **SECTION THREE: SIGNATURE** (please print)

**UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY OR FRAUD, THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

11. Victim's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature is required if filing as the parent, legal guardian, or individual authorized to administer a victim's estate. Persons submitting an application on behalf of an incompetent adult must submit proof of legal guardianship and have their application signature witnessed by a Notary Public.

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