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76-8-508.3 Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) A person is "closely associated" with a witness, victim, or informant if the person is a member of the witness', victim's, or informant's family, has a close personal or business relationship with the witness or victim, or resides in the same household with the witness, victim, or informant.
 - (b) "Harm" means physical, emotional, or economic injury or damage to a person or to his property, reputation, or business interests.
- (2) A person is guilty of the third degree felony of retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant if, believing that an official proceeding or investigation is pending, is about to be instituted, or has been concluded, he:
 - (a)
 - (i) makes a threat of harm; or
 - (ii) causes harm; and
 - (b) directs the threat or action:
 - (i) against a witness or an informant regarding any official proceeding, a victim of any crime, or any person closely associated with a witness, victim, or informant; and
 - (ii) as retaliation or retribution against the witness, victim, or informant.
- (3) This section does not prohibit any person from seeking any legal redress to which the person is otherwise entitled.
- (4) The offense of retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant under this section does not merge with any other substantive offense committed in the course of committing any offense under this section.