

59 (6) "Reliable information" means information worthy of confidence, including any  
60 information whose use at sentencing is permitted by the United States Constitution.

61 (7) "Representative of a victim" means a person who is designated by the victim or  
62 designated by the court and who represents the victim in the best interests of the victim.

63 (8) "Respect" means treating the crime victim with regard and value.

64 (9) (a) "Victim of a crime" means any natural person against whom the charged crime  
65 or conduct is alleged to have been perpetrated or attempted by the defendant or minor  
66 personally or as a party to the offense or conduct or, in the discretion of the court, against  
67 whom a related crime or act is alleged to have been perpetrated or attempted, unless the natural  
68 person is the accused or appears to be accountable or otherwise criminally responsible for or  
69 criminally involved in the crime or conduct or a crime or act arising from the same conduct,  
70 criminal episode, or plan as the crime is defined under the laws of this state.

71 (b) For purposes of the right to be present, "victim of a crime" does not mean any  
72 person who is in custody as a pretrial detainee, as a prisoner following conviction for an  
73 offense, or as a juvenile who has committed an act that would be an offense if committed by an  
74 adult, or who is in custody for mental or psychological treatment.

75 (c) For purposes of the right to be present and heard at a public hearing as provided in  
76 Subsection [~~77-38-2~~] (5)(g) and the right to notice as provided in Subsection  
77 ~~77-38-3~~(~~7~~)(8)(a), "victim of a crime" includes any victim originally named in the allegation  
78 of criminal conduct who is not a victim of the offense to which the defendant entered a  
79 negotiated plea of guilty.

80 Section 2. Section ~~77-38-3~~ is amended to read:

81 **~~77-38-3. Notification to victims -- Initial notice, election to receive subsequent~~**  
82 **~~notices -- Form of notice -- Protected victim information -- Pretrial criminal no contact~~**  
83 **~~order.~~**

84 (1) (a) Before the release from custody of a suspect from a county jail or other adult  
85 correctional facility in the state, an alleged victim ~~is~~ → **who is a natural person and** ← ~~is~~ who has  
86a properly registered with the  
86 appropriate notification system shall be provided reasonable notice of the suspect's pending  
87 release.

88 (b) Notification may be provided in person, via telephone, text, email, or other  
89 electronic message communication.