

Here is what you need to know:

- 1. Stay Informed: You can find more information on the ND DOCR website https://docr.nd.gov/.
- 2. **SAVIN**: There's another website called **VINELINK**. It helps you stay updated about changes to custody. You can visit it here. <u>https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state/ND</u>
- Victim Services Program: If you have questions or need help, you can call the Victim Services Program at 701-328-6183, toll-free at 1-888-568-4410, or email: <u>victimservices@nd.gov</u>. We are available to listen and help you understand next steps.
- 4. Your Safety Matters: If you're worried about safety, please contact the Victim Services Program. Your information will be kept confidential and not shared with the individual incarcerated or the public.

Remember, things might change, so please check these websites periodically. Your input is important, and we want to make sure everyone stays safe.

Additional Information:

Adults sentenced to the DOCR may go through multiple status changes and custody level changes including Parole Board reviews and releases.

Your input is very valuable and is respectfully requested by the deciding committees and releasing board members so that they may have all available information prior to making custody and releasing decisions.

All contacts from a victim and/or their family are kept confidential, not subject to open records law.

Custody Levels: Individuals under the supervision of the ND DOCR are evaluated initially and throughout incarceration for a custody level. Custody options are Maximum, Medium, or Minimum. Some may be placed at out of state facilities. **Minimum Custody**: If an individual is considered Minimum custody, they might live in a Transitional Facility or Community Placement. These places allow work or schooling in the community. It is a step toward returning to the community.

If you have concerns for your, or your family's safety, please call the Victim Services Program right away. We are here to help.

Parole Review: Most individuals will be review for a supervised early release. If you wish to make a statement to the Parole Board, contact the Victim Services Program at least 1 month before the review date. You can talk to them in person, on the phone, or even through video.

Stay Updated: Review dates might change, please check periodically to stay informed. If you're registered in SAVIN, you will be notified 1 month prior of the final review date.

No Contact: If you would like to request a no contact for yourself, or minors in your care, with a incarcerated individual, please send a statement to the Victim Services Program by mail or email with all perinate contact information.

What Is SAVIN?

SAVIN stands for the Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification.

- 1. Why SAVIN Matters: SAVIN helps people stay informed. You will be notified of important changes during incarceration and release through phone call, text, email, or the App.
- 2. How to Get SAVIN Alerts:
 - You need to register for SAVIN.
 - You can call 1-866-ND1-VINE or visit VINELINK. <u>https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state/ND</u>
 - Once registered, SAVIN will begin receiving notifications.
- 3. Extra Help: If you have questions, you can call 866-631-8463 for help from VINELINK staff who can help you register, or call the Victim Services Program.

Postal Notices: If you cannot register by phone or email, you may request notification by mail.

Please write to: ND DOCR Victim Service Program PO Box 1898 Bismarck, ND 58502

Make sure to include the name of the person incarcerated.

You may view an individual's picture and their current release date. Visit <u>https://docr.nd.gov</u> and click on "Resident Lookup." Also on <u>https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state/ND</u>.

Remember, your safety matters, and the Victim Services Program is here to help. Feel free to ask them any questions or share your concerns.

Thank you for registering, please keep your contact information current. If you have previously registered, please check to verify that you are registered for ND DOCR notifications.

Restorative Justice Program

The DOCR collaborates with Consensus Council to offer victims a Restorative Justice program that engages victims, individuals in custody, and the community in repairing the harm caused by crime. The program offers victims participation in ways that promote healing, safe, and secure communities.

*This is a victim-initiated process; incarcerated individuals are not allowed to initiate contact with victims through this program. Please contact the DOCR Victim Services Program for details about the Restorative Justice program.

Please complete a quick survey about the Victim Services Program to let us know how we are doing: <u>https://www.docr.nd.gov/victims-services</u>

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ARE YOU A VICTIM OF A CRIME?

Have you ever wished you could meet with the person responsible?

You may be interested in... RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCING

Conferencing provides an opportunity for a faceto-face meeting (or alternative communication) between the victim of an offense and the responsible party. It is:

- Voluntary for everyone involved
- Carefully prepared by a trained, professional facilitator
- Accessible even years after the offense occurred

If you would like more information regarding Restorative Justice services, please contact:

Victim Services Program Manager ND Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation 701.328.6183 • victimservices@nd.gov

Restorative Justice Program Consensus Council 701.224.0588 Ext. 4 • RJ@agree.org

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