



1 sentenced, the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a  
2 minor, the lawful representative of the victim or of the  
3 victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor, or the  
4 next of kin of the victim if the victim has died from causes  
5 related to the crime, to:

6 (a) Appear before the sentencing court for the purpose  
7 of making a statement under oath for the record; and

8 (b) Submit a written statement under oath to the  
9 office of the state attorney, which statement shall be filed  
10 with the sentencing court.

11 (2) The state attorney or any assistant state attorney  
12 shall advise all victims or, when appropriate, the victim's  
13 parent, guardian, next of kin, or lawful representative that  
14 statements, whether oral or written, shall relate to the facts  
15 of the case and the extent of any harm, including social,  
16 psychological, or physical harm, financial losses, loss of  
17 earnings directly or indirectly resulting from the crime for  
18 which the defendant is being sentenced, and any matter  
19 relevant to an appropriate disposition and sentence.

20 (3)(a) This subsection shall be known by the popular  
21 name the "Officer Cheryl Seiden Act."

22 (b) The court may not accept a plea agreement that  
23 prohibits a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or  
24 correctional probation officer from appearing or speaking at a  
25 parole hearing or clemency hearing.

26 (c) In any case in which the victim is a law  
27 enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional  
28 probation officer, a plea agreement may not prohibit the  
29 officer or an authorized representative of the officer's  
30 employing agency from appearing or providing a statement at  
31 the sentencing hearing.

