

WHAT RIGHTS AM I ENTITLED TO SHOULD THE DEFENDANT BE PARDONED OR THE SENTENCE COMMUTED?

If the defendant is pardoned (forgiven), or if the sentence is commuted (reduced), you are entitled to be informed by the Governor's Clemency Office of these decisions.

Notice of a pardon or commuted sentence:

- ✦ The Governor's Clemency Office **shall** notify you when it is considering commuting the defendant's sentence or pardoning the defendant.
- ✦ The Governor's Clemency Office **shall** also give notice that you have the right to present a written statement to be considered by the Governor's Clemency Office before the defendant's sentence is commuted or the defendant is pardoned.
- ✦ The Governor's Clemency Office **shall** notify you of its decision. This notice shall be given in a manner that is reasonably calculated to allow for a timely response to the commutation or pardon decision.

Pursuant to this Article:

No money damages:

*This Article, including the provision of a service pursuant to this Article through the Statewide Automated Victim Assistance and Notification System established by the Governor's Crime Commission, **does not create a claim for damages against** the State, a county, or a municipality, or any of its agencies, instrumentalities, officers, or employees.

*TRANSLATION: You cannot sue the State, a county, or a municipality, or any of its agencies, instrumentalities, officers, or employees for damages



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