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318.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that crime victims and witnesses receive appropriate assistance, that they are provided with information from government and private resources and that the department meets all related legal mandates.

318.2 POLICY

The Fargo Police Department is committed to providing guidance and assistance to the victims and witnesses of crime. The employees of the Fargo Police Department will show compassion and understanding for victims and witnesses, and will make reasonable efforts to provide the support and information identified in this policy.

318.3 DEFINITIONS

Crime: Includes all felony offenses; class A misdemeanors, excluding violations of section 6-08-16.1 for no-account checks; all violations of chapters 12.1-17 (Assaults) and 12.1-20 (Sex Offenses), including all corresponding violations of municipal ordinances; and any of the offenses that may result in adjudication of delinquency.

Victim: A natural person who has suffered direct or threatened physical, financial, or psychological harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime, delinquent act, or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed. The term victim includes family members of a minor, incompetent, incapacitated, or deceased person. The term victim does not include the accused or a person whom the court finds would not act in the best interests of a deceased, incompetent, minor, or incapacitated victim.

Witness: A person who has been or is expected to be summoned to testify for the prosecution whether or not any action or proceeding has yet been commenced

318.4 CRIME VICTIM LIAISON

The Chief of Police may appoint a member of the Department to serve as the crime victim liaison; however, at this time the Department does not have a Victim's Advocate Office or program. Therefore, each officer/detective interacting with a victim will serve as a de facto crime victim liaison for City of Fargo offenses. Officers will serve as the point of contact for individuals requiring further assistance or information from the Fargo Police Department regarding crime victim resources. For state offenses the victim should be referred to the Cass County Victim Witness Coordinator.

318.4.1 NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

According to Homeland Security, the lack of immigration status in the U.S. may be one of the many reasons for some victims choosing not to come forward to work with law enforcement. A request for a nonimmigrant U visa or T visa, or for continued presence in the United States that is received by this department should be forwarded to the respective Criminal Investigations Unit commander

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for review. The case agent shall make notifications to the victim regarding application status as required by N.D.C.C. § 12.1-41-18.

In order to qualify for the U and T visa, the victim must prove to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that he or she cooperated with law enforcement, except if the victim is under the age of 18 or has suffered trauma. One of the primary ways a nonimmigrant victim may demonstrate cooperation with law enforcement is by submitting a signed statement from law enforcement as part of the application. In the U visa context, this statement is a required part of the petition and is known as the USCIS Form I-918, Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification. In the T visa context, this statement is known as the USCIS Form I-914, Supplement B, Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim in Trafficking of Persons.

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318.4.2 QUALIFYING CRIMES

The following table is a list of the criminal activities which qualify a victim for the U visa.¹

Abduction	Hostage	Sexual Assault
Abusive Sexual Contact	Incest	Sexual Exploitation
Blackmail	Involuntary Servitude	Slave Trade
Domestic Violence	Kidnapping	Stalking
Extortion	Manslaughter	Torture
False Imprisonment	Murder	Trafficking
Felonious Assault	Obstruction of Justice	Witness Tampering
Female Genital Mutilation	peonage	Unlawful Criminal Restraint
Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting	Perjury	Related Criminal Activities ²
Prostitution	Rape	

These are not specific crimes or citations to a criminal code; various federal, state, and local statutes could fall into these general categories of crime. Except "Fraud in Foreign Contracting," which is a federal offense defined in 18 USC 1351.

318.4.3 CRIME VICTIM LIAISON DUTIES

The Administrative Division commander, or his/her designee shall develop procedures to ensure that the Department complies with the rights of crime victims as established by N.D. Const. art. 1, § 25, including:

² Includes attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above and other related crimes, as well as any similar activity where the elements of the crime are substantially similar.

- (a) Officers/detectives shall provide each victim a Marsy's card to inform the victim in writing of his/her rights and that he/she may seek the advice of an attorney with respect to those rights. This information shall also be in a format available to the public.
- (b) If known, officers/detectives will notify the victim of the place and time of an offender's incarceration, if requested.
- (c) The Records Unit shall notify the victim as soon as practicable when a request is made for any confidential or privileged information about the victim, or any information that could be used to locate or harass the victim, or the victim's family.

318.5 CRIME VICTIMS

Officers shall provide crime victims with a Marsy's card. Officer should also provide crime victims with the more common victim information handouts such as a Rape and Abuse card, FirstLink card, and ND SAVIN card.

Officers should never guarantee a victim's safety from future harm, but may make practical safety suggestions to victims expressing fear of future harm or retaliation. Officers should never guarantee a person qualifies as a victim for purpose of compensation or restitution, but may direct him/her to the proper written department material or available victim resources.

318.6 VICTIM INFORMATION AND SERVICES

The designated Administration supervisor or designee, shall ensure that victim and witness information to include applicable handouts and forms are available and current. These shall include, as appropriate (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-02):

- (a) All available public or private programs that provide support, treatment, assistance programs, counseling, victim assistance hotlines, elderly victim services, and social service agencies.
- (b) Shelters and community resources for victims including domestic violence and sexual assault victims such as, but not limited to, the YWCA Shelter and Rape and Abuse information.
- (c) Assurance that sexual assualt victims will not incur out-of-pocket expenses for forensic medical exams, and information about evidence collection, storage, and preservation in sexual assault cases (334 USC § 10449; 34 USC § 20109, N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-07).
- (d) An advisement that a person who was arrested may be released on bond or some other form of release, and that the victim should not rely upon an arrest as a guarantee of safety.
- (e) A clear explanation of relevant court orders and how they can be obtained.
- (f) Information regarding available compensation for qualifying victims of crime under N.D.C.C. § 54-23.4-01 et seq. (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-02).
- (g) North Dakota Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (ND SAVIN) accessible through VINE® information (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), including the telephone number and whether this free service is available to allow

- victims to check on an offender's custody status and to register for automatic notification when a person is released from jail (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-02).
- (h) Notice regarding U visa and T visa application processes (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-41-18).
- (i) Resources available for victims of identity theft (N.D.C.C. § 51-31-04).
- (j) Notice of victim rights, Marsy's Card, prepared by the Department or North Dakota Attorney General (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-08).
- (k) An officer's business card, which includes the officer's name and any applicable case or incident number.
- (I) Information on how a victim of child sexual abuse who is over the age of 18 can, upon request, obtain a copy of the report related to his/her case.

318.7 WITNESSES

Officers should never guarantee a witness's safety from future harm or that his/her identity will always remain confidential. Officers may make practical safety suggestions to witnesses who express fear of future harm or retaliation.

Officers should investigate allegations of witness intimidation and take enforcement action when lawful and reasonable.

318.8 INVESTIGATIONS AND RECORDS UNIT

318.8.1 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CHILDREN

In order to protect a child victim or witness of a crime, except under N.D.C.C. Title 39 or equivalent ordinance, or the child victim of a fire, the name of the child and identifying biographical information may not appear on any public record. Instead, a Jane Doe/John Doe designation must appear or the child victim's information must be redacted from the document. Sealed confidential records containing the child's name and necessary biographical information must be kept in order to ensure that no defendant is charged twice (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-35-03).

318.8.2 INVESTIGATION STATUS

Victims and witnesses, upon request, must be informed of the status of the investigation, except where it is determined that disclosure of such information would unreasonably interfere with the investigation, until such time as the alleged offender is apprehended or the investigation is closed (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-02).

Upon the request of an alleged victim of a forced or coerced abortion, the investigating member shall notify the victim not less than 24 hours before initially contacting the suspect (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-41-21).

318.8.3 PRETRIAL RELEASE INVOLVING VIOLENCE

Victims and witnesses of crime must be afforded the following rights where applicable (N.C.C.C.§ 12.1-34-02), if the victim invokes their Marsy's rights.

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Victims and witnesses in any case involving a crime of violence, who are not registered with the VINE network, must be given prompt notice by the handling officer/detective of any hearing in which the arrested person's pretrial release status will be determined (N.D.C.C. § 12.1-34-02).

If the alleged offender in a crime of violence is scheduled to be released before an appearance in court, the Cass County Jail staff shall give prompt notice to the victim and witness as long as the arresting officer provides to the Cass County Jail staff with all of the pertinent victim/witness information. The Cass County Jail fulfills this obligation to notify by registering the victim with the VINE network (N.D.C.C § 12.1-34-02(b)). However, if the arresting/booking officer fails to provide the victim and/or witness information to the Cass County Jail staff, whereas the Jail staff can't register the victim/witness in the VINE network, the Department will be responsible for any victim/ witness notifications.

In the absence of the Cass County Jail or the Cass County Victim Witness Coordinator, the handling officer/detective should assist the victim or witness with registering in the VINE system to make sure that future information is received in a timely manner. A victim or witness who objects to registration may not be required to register with the system.

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Attachments

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Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification

USCIS Form I-918

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

OMB No. 1615-0104 Expires 02/28/2019

	Remarks					
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Par	t 1. Victim Information	Name of Head of Certifying Agency				
1.	Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)	4.a.	Family Name (Last Name)			
	► A-	4.b.	Given Name (First Name)			
2.a.	Family Name (Last Name)	4.c.	Middle Name			
2.b.	Given Name (First Name)	Aga	ency Address			
2.c.	Middle Name	5.a.	Street Number			
Othe	r Names Used (Include maiden names, nicknames, and	5.a.	and Name			
aliase	es, if applicable.)	5.b.	Apt. Ste. Flr.			
	u need extra space to provide additional names, use the provided in Part 7. Additional Information .	5.c.	City or Town			
3.a.	Family Name (Last Name)	5.d.	State 5.f. ZIP Code			
3.b.	Given Name (First Name)	5.g.	Province			
3.c.	Middle Name	5.h.	Postal Code			
4.	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	5.i.	Country			
5.	Gender Male Female					
		Other Agency Information				
Par	t 2. Agency Information	6.	Agency Type			
1.	Name of Certifying Agency		Federal State Local			
		7.	Case Status			
Nam	e of Certifying Official		On-going Completed			
2.a.	Family Name (Last Name)		Other			
2.b.	Given Name	8.	Certifying Agency Category			
•	(First Name)		Judge Law Enforcement Prosecutor			
2.c.	Middle Name		Other			
3.	Title and Division/Office of Certifying Official	9.	Case Number			
		10.	FBI Number or SID Number (if applicable)			
		10.	1 b) Number of S1D Number (if applicable)			

Par	t 3.	Criminal Acts		4.a.	Did the criminal activity occur in the United States (including Indian country and military installations) or the
		ed extra space to complete in Part 7. Additional Info			territories or possessions of the United States?
1. The petitioner is a victim of criminal activity involving a violation of one of the following Federal, state, or local criminal offenses (or any similar activity). (Select all applicable boxes)		4.b.	If you answered "Yes," where did the criminal activity occur?		
		Abduction	Manslaughter		
		Abusive Sexual Contact	Murder	5.a.	Did the criminal activity violate a Federal extraterritorial
		Attempt to Commit	Obstruction of Justice	Obstruction of Justice	jurisdiction statute? Yes No
		Any of the Named Crimes	Peonage	5.b.	7 1
			Perjury		providing the authority for extraterritorial jurisdiction.
		Being Held Hostage Blackmail	Prostitution		
			Rape		
	Ш	Conspiracy to Commit Any of the Named	Sexual Assault	6.	Briefly describe the criminal activity being investigated and/or prosecuted and the involvement of the petitioner
		Crimes Domestic Violence	Sexual Exploitation		named in Part 1. Attach copies of all relevant reports and
		Extortion	Slave Trade		findings.
		False Imprisonment	Solicitation to		
		Felonious Assault	Commit Any of the Named Crimes		
		Female Genital	Stalking		
	Mutilation		Torture		
		Fraud in Foreign Labor	Trafficking		
		Contracting	Unlawful Criminal		
		Incest	Restraint		
		Involuntary Servitude	☐ Witness Tampering		
		Kidnapping			
Prov	ide th	ne dates on which the crimi	nal activity occurred.		
2.a.	Dat	e (mm/dd/yyyy)			
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2.c.	Dat	e (mm/dd/yyyy)			findings.
2.d.	Dat	e (mm/dd/yyyy)			
3.	List	the statutory citations for	the criminal activity being		
		investigated or prosecuted, or that was investigated or prosecuted.			
	pros	secuted.			

Pa	rt 4. Helpfulness Of The Victim	4.	Other. Include any additional information you would like to provide.
age,	the following questions, if the victim is under 16 years of incompetent or incapacitated, then a parent, guardian, or friend may act on behalf of the victim.		to provide.
1.	Does the victim possess information concerning the criminal activity listed in Part 3. ? Yes No		
2.	Has the victim been helpful, is the victim being helpful, or is the victim likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal activity detailed above? Yes No		
3.	Since the initiation of cooperation, has the victim refused or failed to provide assistance reasonably requested in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal activity detailed above? Yes No		
	If you answer "Yes" to Item Numbers 1 3. , provide an explanation in the space below. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 7. Additional Information .		

Part 5. Family Members Culpable In Criminal Activity

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1.	Are any of the victim's family members culpable or believed to be culpable in the criminal activity of which the petitioner is a victim? Yes No					
	If you answered "Yes," list the family members and their criminal involvement. (If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 7. Additional Information .)					
2.a.	Family Name (Last Name)					
2.b.	Given Name (First Name)					
2.c.	Middle Name					
2.d.	Relationship					
2.e.	Involvement					
3.a.	Family Name (Last Name)					
3.b.	Given Name (First Name)					
3.c.	Middle Name					
3.d.	Relationship					
8.e.	Involvement					
l.a.	Family Name (Last Name)					
l.b.	Given Name (First Name)					
l.c.	Middle Name					
1.d.	Relationship					
1.e.	Involvement					

Part 6. Certification

I am the head of the agency listed in **Part 2.** or I am the person in the agency who was specifically designated by the head of the agency to issue a U Nonimmigrant Status Certification on behalf of the agency. Based upon investigation of the facts, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the individual identified in **Part 1.** is or was a victim of one or more of the crimes listed in **Part 3.** I certify that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have made and will make no promises regarding the above victim's ability to obtain a visa from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), based upon this certification. I further certify that if the victim unreasonably refuses to assist in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity of which he or she is a victim, I will notify USCIS.

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1.	Signature of Certifying Official (sign in ink)				
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2.	Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)				
3.	Daytime Telephone Number				
4.	Fax Number				

Par	et 7. Additional Information	5.a.	Page Number	5.b.	Part Number	5.c.	Item Number
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Supplement B, Delaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in Persons

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Form I-914 OMB No. 1615-0099 Expires 01/31/2019

START HERE - Type or print in blank ink. This form should be completed by Federal, State, or local law enforcement authorities for victims under the Victims of	For USCIS Use Only		
Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, Public Law 106-386, as amended.	Returned	Receipt	
PART A. Victim Information	Date		
Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if any)	Date		
	Resubmitted		
Other Names Used (include maiden name/nickname)	Date		
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Gender	Date		
Male Female	Reloc Sent		
A # (if known) Social Security # (if known)	Date		
	Date		
Part B. Agency Information	Reloc Rec'd		
Name of Certifying Agency	Date		
	Date		
Name of Certifying Official Title and Division/Office of Certifying Official	R	lemarks	
Agency Address - Street Number and Name Suite #			
City State/Province Zip/Postal Code			
Daytime Phone # (area code and/or extension) Fax # (with area code)			
Agency Type Federal Local			
Case Status On-going Completed Local			
Certifying Agency Category Judge Law Enforcement Prosecutor Other			
Case Number FBI # or SID # (if applicable)			
Part C. Statement of Claim			
1. The applicant is or has been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons. Specific that apply. Base your analysis on the practices to which the victim was subjected rather counts on which convictions were obtained, or whether any prosecution resulted in conviction this analysis are not the elements of criminal offenses, but are those set forth at 80 convictions.	than on the specific fictions. Note that t	c violations charged, the	
Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act was induced by force, fraud, or coerc recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the pu			
Sex trafficking and the victim is under the age of 18.			

P	art C. Statement of Claim	(Continued)		
		ansportation, provision, or obtai on to involuntary servitude, peo	ining of a person for labor or servi nage, debt bondage, or slavery.	ces through the use of force,
	Other, specify on attached add	litional sheets.		
2.	Please describe the victimization up and the crime under investigation/pt the case, as well as any relevant rep	prosecution. Attach the results of	of any name or database inquiry pe	erformed in the investigation of
3.	Has the applicant expressed any feasheets, if necessary.	ar of retaliation or revenge if re	moved from the United States? If	yes, explain. Attach additional
4.	Provide the date(s) on which the ac	ets of trafficking occurred.		
	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
5.	List the statutory citation(s) for the	acts of trafficking being invest	igated or prosecuted, or that were	investigated or prosecuted.
6.	Provide the date on which the investigate (mm/dd/yyyy)	stigation or prosecution was ini	tiated.	
7	Provide the date on which the investigation	stigation or prospection was acc	mpleted (if any)	
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Part D. Cooper	ration of Victim (Attack	additional sheets, if necessa	ry)				
The applicant:							
Has complied with requests for assistance in the investigation/prosecution of the crime of trafficking. (Explain below.)							
	1 2 1	C 1	ution of the crime of trafficking. (Explain below.)				
_	•	investigation/prosecution of any	crime of trafficking.				
	Has not yet attained the age of 18.						
Other, spec	Other, specify on attached additional sheets.						
Part E. Family	Members Implicated I	n Trafficking					
Yes No			e been involved in his or her trafficking to the United vement. Attach additional sheets if necessary.				
	Full Name	Relationship	Involvement				
Part F. Attesta	tion						
Based upon investig severe form of traff my knowledge, and Citizenship and Im- the investigation or	gation of the facts, I certify ficking in persons as define I that I have made, and will migration Services, based us prosecution of the acts of	d by the VTVPA. I certify that make, no promises regarding the upon this certification. I further trafficking of which he/she is a very serious of the serious and the serious description.	the above noted individual is or has been a victim of a the above information is true and correct to the best of e above victim's ability to obtain a visa from U.S. certify that if the victim unreasonably refuses to assist in victim, I will notify USCIS.				
Signature of Law Enforcement Officer (identified in Part B) (sign in ink) Date (mm/dd/yyyy)							
Signature of Supe	rvisor of Certifying Offic	er (sign in ink)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)				
Printed Name of Supervisor							