

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

The defendant's criminal actions have had a devastating and pervasive affect on my life and my family. I will never be the same person. I now live everyday with the knowledge of how he attacked and severely damaged hundreds of innocent people's lives and murdered 13 innocent people who were loved and have now been missed for 40 years or more. I live everyday with post traumatic distress where any unexpected noise, or movement of any person or object, can be perceived by my mind as a threat to me. Simple everyday experiences such as a car moving from one lane into another lane behind your car can bring fear to me. Once while shopping at Trader Joe's grocery store, a hand touched my forearm while I was looking into a freezer. My heart began to race and my body jolted. I was terrified that I was about to be harmed, when in reality someone I knew just wanted to say hello to me. I have lost my ability to trust people. I trusted the defendant when he told me he had to work, or was going pheasant hunting, or going to visit his parents hundreds of miles away. I worked graveyard shifts at Jack in the Box fast food restaurant and at Placer County Juvenile Hall. At times I studied late into the night at my law school. When I was not around I trusted he was doing what he told me he was doing. Now, without the ability to trust, my relationships with other people are severely impacted. I wish that nothing I say here will detract from any other person's impact statement.

Sharon Huddle