

# Court

Court Watch gives crime victims a voice. Through their community impact statements, victims and community residents impact the outcomes in court.

Repeat offenders—convicted of drug crimes and given longer sentences—are kept off the streets.



Chronic offenders on your street?  
Court Watch ensures that the courts LISTEN.

Crime where you do business?  
Court Watch gets a RESPONSE.

Criminal activity in front of your child's school?  
Court watch IMPACTS your neighborhood.

Victimless Crimes?  
They do not exist.  
EVERY CRIME HURTS your neighborhood.

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"Community impact statements have helped make the court system aware that even so-call low-level drug crimes are not victimless – that the victims are the residents and businesses with the community."

– Gail Baez, Senior Attorney  
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its day in court,  
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depends on it.**

**For results, call Court Watch.**



## How Court Watch works:

1 Through the Franklin Avenue Safety Center, the community works with police to compile a list of people who chronically violate the law.

2 When one of these criminals is arrested, the police departments lets the Safety Center know.

3 The Safety Center contacts all victims or residents affected by the crime.

4 Those victims write a community impact statement, with assistance available at the Safety Center.

5 Before sentencing, the judge listens to the impact statement.



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## The Court Watch impact:

- Identifies chronic offenders through posters and public information.
- Encourages judges to hold these offenders accountable.
- Gives a voice to each community member affected by crime.
- Executes longer sentences for criminals
- Asks the judges in appropriate situations to impose geographic trespassing, ordering certain chronic offenders out of areas with in the community.
- Asks judges to keep chronic offenders off the streets.

Decision makers in the criminal justice system need to receive input from the community as to how their release and sentencing decisions affect the lives of all, especially the children, who live within the affected neighborhoods.