

**Department of Police - City of Chicago** 3510 S. Michigan Avenue - Chicago, Illinois 60653

## PEER JURY PROGRAM JUVENILE VICTIM NOTIFICATION LETTER

Date:

Dear:

The case your child is involved in has been sent to the Chicago Police Department's Peer Jury Program for disposition as authorized by state law. The Peer Jury Program is a juvenile intervention and prevention program as a collaborative, community-based partnership among neighborhood youth and their parents, the Chicago Police Department, the Juvenile Court of Cook County, adult and teenage volunteers, and local area community and business leaders.

The peer jury process is not a trial. As part of the Formal Station Adjustment of the Juvenile Court Act, the juvenile offender involved in your child's case has already admitted his or her guilt, and along with the juvenile's parents or legal guardian, has agreed to abide by sanctions imposed by a jury consisting of local-area-teenage volunteers.

The peer jury will hear the circumstances of the incident and render their decision as to sanctions, which may include community service, counseling, or mandatory participation in other types of professional social services.

Your child's participation is not required, but relating his or her experience to the panel may be helpful in their understanding of the circumstances of the incident and may assist them in rendering a more appropriate disposition. If your child would like to attend the peer-jury hearing, please note that he or she must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like your child to participate, please contact your local District Community Policing Office at \_\_\_\_

\_ for scheduling information.

Sincerely,

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