

WATCH Trial Monitoring Form

Please respond to the following items to the best of your ability, circling the appropriate response. Feel free to comment on your observations wherever space permits. If an item does not apply to what you witness, please leave it blank. We expect that not all items will be addressed in every proceeding. If you have comments or questions about your experience today, please contact WATCH at 612-341-2747 or watch@watchmn.org. Thank You!

Case Information

Defendant's Name _____

Judge _____

Case # _____

Defense Attorney _____

Offense(s) _____

Prosecuting Attorney _____

Time Spent in Courtroom _____

Probation Officer _____

Scheduled Start Time _____

Actual Start Time _____

Defendant Information

What was the defendant's gender: _____

What was the defendant's apparent race/ethnicity: _____

HISPANIC/LATINO

NATIVE AMERICAN

MIDDLE EASTERN/ARAB

AFRICAN

AFRICAN-AMERICAN/BLACK

CAN'T TELL

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER*

OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE) _____

CAUCASIAN

Did the defendant appear to understand English? _____

YES

NO

COULDN'T HEAR

CAN'T TELL

Was an interpreter present? _____

YES

NO

CAN'T TELL

If yes, what language was spoken? _____

What was the defendant's relationship to the victim? _____

Victim Information

Was the victim present? _____

YES

NO

CAN'T TELL

What was the victim's gender? _____

What was the victim's apparent race/ethnicity: _____

HISPANIC/LATINO

NATIVE AMERICAN

MIDDLE EASTERN/ARAB

AFRICAN

AFRICAN-AMERICAN/BLACK

CAN'T TELL

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER*

OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE) _____

CAUCASIAN

What, if any, information was given about the victim? _____

Other Participants

Who was present in the gallery (children, family, advocates, partners, etc.)? How, if at all, were they involved in the proceeding? _____

Were children present in the courtroom? _____

YES

NO

SOME OF THE TIME

Court Personnel

Please discuss anything you find significant in the performance of the judge, attorneys, bailiffs, clerk, probation officer, victim advocate, or any other court personnel. Please include any comments about performance, level of preparation, behavior toward those in court, use of court resources, etc., and specify who was involved.

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WATCH Trial Monitoring Form (Cont.)

Hearing Information

Please describe the trial proceeding you monitored today, noting any significant occurrences including witness testimony. If you are unsure whether a topic or event is appropriate, please include it. Detailed information is very helpful for WATCH's work. _____

YOUR NOTES

Please return this form to the WATCH office at:
Suite 465 Northstar East, 608 2nd Ave S., Minneapolis, MN. 55402. Fax: (612) 339-1171
Thank You!