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DA Summer Stephan Announces Refunds for Crime Victims Awarded Restitution

Victims who filed a CR-110 from January 2 to March 17, Eligible

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#) announced today that her office assisted in obtaining refunds for crime victims who were charged an additional fee between January 2 and March 17 when filing a CR-110 form with the office of San Diego County Recorder's Office. When the District Attorney's Office discovered the added fee, efforts began immediately to not only amend the law that allowed for the increase, but to also secure a refund for crime victims who were charged that this fee at the County Recorder's Office.

"Crime victims are entitled to restitution and this is an important step in making it easier for them to obtain it," District Attorney Summer Stephan said. "We pay special attention to not re-victimize crime victims as they go through the criminal justice system. We want anyone who paid the added \$75 SB-2 fee to know they are entitled to a refund."

A CR-110 is an abstract of judgment that can be filled out by a crime victim who has been awarded restitution in a criminal case. The District Attorney's Victim Services Division helped more than 15,200 crime victims last year, including assisting in securing restitution and filing forms such as the CR-110. Once it is filled out, the CR-110 may be recorded with the County Recorder's Office to attach property or funds in the defendant's name as a means of securing payment of the restitution order. Prior to January 1, the recording fee on a CR-110 was about \$21, which was charged directly to the crime victim.

On January 1, California enacted Senate Bill 2, also known as the Affordable Housing Act, which added an additional \$75.00 charge to documents filed at the County Recorder's Office. The intent of the bill was to raise funds to provide affordable housing for low-income residents. However, because the San Diego County Recorder's Office interpreted the bill to apply to CR-110 forms, the filing fees for victim restitution orders increased from \$21 to \$92 or more.

The District Attorney's Office, working with County Counsel and the County Recorder's Office, objected to applying the fee increase to CR-110 forms, and brought the issue to the attention of bill's author, Senator Toni Atkins. As a result, of the combined efforts of the District Attorney's Office, County Counsel, and the County Recorder's Office, Assembly Bill 110 was recently passed, which excludes the \$75 fee from applying to documents filed on behalf of a governmental agency. The County Recorder has now agreed that they will no longer charge crime victims the added \$75 SB-2

fees when they file a CR-110. In addition, the County Recorder's Office will provide a refund to any victim who filed the form between January 2, and March 17, 2018.

Any victim who believes they may be entitled to a refund should call the District Attorney's Restitution Recovery Team at (619) 515-8384 for additional information or for a copy of the Refund Request Form. Refunds will take about three to six weeks to process.

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About the San Diego County District Attorney's Office

The San Diego County DA's Office prosecutes all felony crimes in the county and misdemeanor crimes committed outside the City of San Diego. The office files about 40,000 criminal cases a year and balances prosecution with numerous crime prevention programs. District Attorney Summer Stephan leads the office of more than 1,000 dedicated employees who pursue justice and support victims daily across San Diego County. DA Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families and providing justice to the voiceless and most vulnerable. She is a national leader in the fight against sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and has served as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County for 28 years.

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