



4. What were the factors that contributed to your decision to meet with the victim of the crime you committed? Why is that?
  - a. Benefits considered
  - b. Risks considered
  - c. Your expectations
5. Did you feel that you were adequately prepared for the eventual mediation session? Why is that?
6. What were the most helpful things in this preparation?
7. Was there anything else that you wished had occurred during this process of preparing for the mediation session?
8. What were you feeling during that period of time when you were waiting in your cell for the victim to arrive at the prison and prior to initiating the actual mediation session with the victim?



14. When you now reflect back on the mediation session that occurred, how do you feel about it?
- a. Any regrets?
  - b. Were your initial expectations met?
  - c. Effects on your general outlook on life?
  - d. Effects on your spiritual outlook on life?
  - e. Has your view of the offender changed?(If yes, describe former & present view)
  - f. How do you now see yourself as alike or different from the victim?
15. Are there any remaining issues or needs that you would like to see addressed related to your case?
16. What are the advantages that can come out of a mediation session between a victim and offender involved in a severely violent crime?
17. Are there any other comments you would like to make that we have not covered?

This concludes the main part of the interview. Thanks so much for taking the time to answer each question.

Would it be possible for you to respond to eight additional quick questions or would you prefer that I mail out a one page questionnaire to you?

IF OK TO DO IN PERSON OR ON PHONE:

18. Was this the first time that you were convicted of a crime? \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

Comments:

19. Did you know the victim prior to this crime? \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N

Comments:

20. How would you rate your satisfaction with the manner in which you were prepared for the eventual mediation session?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Somewhat satisfied
- c. Somewhat dissatisfied
- d. Very dissatisfied

Comments:

21. How would you rate the helpfulness of meeting the victim?

- a. Very helpful
- b. Somewhat helpful
- c. Not at all helpful

Comments:

22. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with your involvement in the victim offender mediation and dialogue program?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Somewhat satisfied
- c. Somewhat dissatisfied
- d. Very dissatisfied

Comments:

23. Has your overall outlook on life changed since meeting the victim?

- a. Yes
- b. No

23a. If Yes, in what way has your outlook on life been affected?

- a. Definitely more positive and at peace with the circumstances I am faced with.
- b. Somewhat more positive and able to cope with my life.
- c. Somewhat more negative and less able to cope with my life.
- d. Definitely more negative and angry about the circumstances I am faced with.
- e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

24. To what extent did meeting the victim change your understanding of how the crime impacted others?

- a. A great deal
- b. Somewhat
- c. Not at all

Comments:

25. Did the process of preparing to meet the victim and the actual meeting have any effect on your religious or spiritual life?

- a. Yes
- b. No

25a. If Yes, how did it affect you?

- a. Definitely enriched my religious/spiritual perspective
- b. Contributed somewhat to a deeper religious/spiritual perspective
- c. Contributed somewhat to a weakening of my religious/spiritual perspective
- d. Definitely weakened my religious/spiritual perspective

Comments:

Thanks again for participating in this interview.