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| **Graphics** | **Script** |
| Acknowledgement | The following video has been filmed on Kaurna Land.  We acknowledge this is the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pay respect to Elders past and present.  We recognise their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land and respect that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today. |
| Words on screen | Your right to information  **Youth Justice Victims’ Register Department for Human Services** |
| Fiona Curnow | My name's Fiona Curnow I’m the Director for Communities and Justice and I’m from the Department for Human Services. |
| Words on screen | **Tell us about what you do** |
| Filmed interview | Sure the victims registering youth justice has been operating since 2010 and it is a register established for victims of crime committed by children or young people who have been sentenced to a period of detention or imprisonment to register their details so that we can keep them updated about the particular aspects of the young person situation. |
| Words on screen | **How is youth justice different?** |
| Filmed interview | Well what we often see with young people is an inability to recognise the difference between knowing that they've done something wrong and knowing that they've done something criminally wrong. Two quite different ways of thinking and so we see young people engaged in impulsive behaviour most of the time the youth justice system is designed recognising that young people are different to adults may not have formed their own understanding of the impact of their behaviour yet and so we work with young people aged 10 to 18 at the time of their offence. |
| Words on screen | **What sort of information is available to victims?** |
| Filmed interview | We generally encourage people to register for the victims register so they can be made aware of where a person has been detained if there's a change in circumstances for that young person if they're being moved in between facilities for example if there's an escape from custody we're able to disclose that to the to the registered victims or similarly if they're applying for conditional release or going for home detention we can disclose where the person may be moving to the general area. |
|  | What do victims need when they come to you? |
|  | I think definitely that sense of safety particularly for quite serious crimes i think they also just want to know that we're listening throughout all of the process and that we're taking into consideration what the impact of our decisions may be on them we see it in the court we see it at conditional release training centre review board hearings and we still even through just general conversations that our officers have with victims through the victims register they just like to know that things are being taken seriously and that we're doing all we can to help young people become better that's something that it's sometimes surprising for us when we speak to victims and all they really care about is that young people understand that their crime was serious and that they can do something better with their own life. |
|  | When do you usually meet victims? |
|  | Usually we engage with victims when a young person's been sentenced so a young person needs to have been found guilty of something before we start to think about the impact of their behaviour and their behaviour on victims and so we may engage with young people's victims through the court process and mostly through the conditional release process which is like people would understand as the similar to the parole board in the adult system where victims may be able to make a submission to the conditional release training centre review board about the impact of the behaviour so through the victims register which is really helpful for us it enables us to speak really openly and freely with those victims about what's happening for that young person.  So we try and encourage people right at the start of the process when a young person is sentenced to a period of detention to learn about the register we encourage people to look on our website i do think people sometimes think because it's a youth justice system that we can't disclose anything so i think it's always helpful for people to be really clear about that right at the start. |
|  | Why is this helpful for victims? |
|  | I think it's very important for victims to feel that their voices are heard throughout the whole process not just for the court process that they feel that we are taking seriously the impact of their crime and we're also helping young people to understand the impact of their behaviour on these particular families or individuals or sometimes communities sometimes the victims of crime are a whole community so i think it's very important for the victim to feel that they're not left aside i think it also creates a feeling of safety for that victim who may still be experiencing the impact of that crime and feel that they're not going to run into somebody in the street and they weren't aware that somebody had been released you. |
| Closing card | Have you been the victim of a crime?  You have rights.  Find out more at Victims of Crime SA  www.voc.sa.gov.au |