

# Examples of Restitution

## Monetary-Victim

An offender assaults and robs a victim. The victim suffers a broken arm, his shirt is torn, misses a day of work resulting in a loss of pay in the amount of \$180, and loses \$75 in cash. The offender is apprehended, and the court orders the offender to pay the medical bills related to the victim, pay the victim \$180 for the lost wages, and pay \$75 for the money that was stolen. No restitution was ordered for the ripped shirt since it was two years old.

## Service-Victim

It is Halloween week, and the local group of youths soap the windows, tip over full garbage cans, and toilet-papers the car, yard, and house of the older couple living on the end of the block. They are caught and face the juvenile court judge. The damage/vandalism they committed has been cleaned up before the youths face the judge. The judge orders the youths to spend the next 4 weekends working for the older couple, doing chores that the victims need done, including mowing the yard, trimming bushes, washing the cars, cleaning out the garage and basement, and other tasks the victim needs completed.

## Monetary-Community

A number of headstones in the local city cemetery are knocked down and several are broken. Others are painted with graffiti. An inspection of surveillance footage reveals the identity of the offenders, and they are subsequently arrested. The headstones were originally purchased by family members of the deceased, and many of those individuals are no longer living in the community. The city sends a crew to repair and clean up the damage. The crew of 3 workers spend 2 days repairing the damage at a cost of \$390 for labor and \$475 in supplies. As part of the sentence imposed by the judge, the offenders are ordered to pay the city \$865 for the labor and material costs that were expended in repairing the damage.

## Service-Community

The city has been experiencing increased vandalism and littering in various public and semi-public places. The police observe a group of young adults committing these acts one Saturday evening, and they take them into custody. By the time they face the judge, the city has cleaned up the location of their behavior as part of the normal trash collection and street sweeping. No specific dollar amount can be placed on exactly what the offenders did. The judge orders each offender to complete 24 hours of community service cleaning up problem locations under the direction of the public service department.