FILING TIME EXPLANATION

The filing time limit does not apply to minors who are victims of crimes occurring on or after October 1, 1993; claims may be filed on their behalf until they reach age eighteen. If a claim has not been filed when the minor victim reaches age eighteen, the victim may apply on their own behalf for up to one year.

Section 960.07(2), F.S., requires that in order to be eligible for benefits, a claim **must be filed** within one year of the occurrence of the crime. However, if there is a good reason for not filing a claim within the first year, the bureau may extend the time for filing for a period not to exceed two years from the date of the crime.

Only claims received by the Bureau of Victim Compensation are considered filed.

Instructions: Please check the appropriate reason(s) for late filing or provide a complete explanation in the space provided below:

- ❑ Victim/Claimant was not aware of the Victim Compensation program until recently.
- ❑ Victim was physically/mentally unable to proceed with filing a claim during the year following the crime.
- ❑ Victim's claim was filed through another agency but was not forwarded to the Bureau of Victim Compensation. **(The name of the agency where the claim was filed must be provided in the space below.)**
- ❑ Victim/Claimant believed they would be covered by insurance. A claim was filed as soon as it was determined that insurance would not pay all or part of the crime related expenses.
- ❑ Victim/Claimant believed the offender would be paying restitution. A claim was filed as soon as it was determined that restitution would not be forthcoming.
- ❑ Other **(Please used the space provided below for a full explanation.)**

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Signature of Victim/Claimant	**Printed Name**	**Date Signed**

Victim: **Claim Num: TLH**

BVC Analyst: **Crime Date:**