MINUTES

FROM CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON
April 12, 2022, Graham County Victim Witness Department Boardroom.

The Crime Victim Compensation Board members, Elvira Talavera Victim Compensation
Coordinator, Tianna Chadwick & Michael Andazola, Felicia Herbert, Sandra Figueroa, and
Kendall Curtis were timely, present, and ready for the presentation of business.

The Crime Victim Compensation Board members were presented with facts of each case. These
facts were obtained by each individual police reports then presented to the board members by
Elvira Talavera, Graham County Attorney’s Victim/Witness Advocate along with supported
documentation (Bried of Summary of the Crime that was reported to the Police Department
based on Police Reports or Police documentation and copies of bills of transportation) for each
request of compensation. Please see the following for detailed information of the board
meeting:

I: Agenda:

1) Reading of current agenda

II: Introduction of new business:

1) Case # 06132 is requesting that we reimburse for the flight tickets that she
has had to obtain to come out for the Jury Trial Scheduled in her case that
she has been asked to testify in. Victim was requesting that all tickets for
her husband and son be reimbursed as well. All prices for plane tickets
provided to Board Members
   A. Board Members approved unanimously to reimburse the victim
      for her plane tickets round trip but denied unanimously to decline
      reimbursement for the plane tickets on her husband and son
      because they were not direct victims of the crime or derivate
      victims of the crime. They were just coming with her to offer
      emotional support for the victim.
      Michael Andazola made a motion to decline the reimbursement for the
      husband and son, but to pay for the victims travel expense roundtrip
      for the Trial she was asked to attend.
      Seconding the motion was Kendal Curtis, Sandra Figeroa, and Felicia
2) Case # 06133 there was no Police report available for me to give to the Board Members currently. The information that I received verbally from the detective working the case was that at the time the case was pending to be turned over to the county attorney because of lack of evidence to prosecute the case. The case detective advised me that they had performed a forensic exam on the minor victim and that it came back inconclusive, and the findings were that the victim was coached to say the things she was describing in the forensic exam. I was also told be the detective on the case that they had spoken to the ex-boyfriend of the claimant, that was related to person of interest and being accused of the crime, that he was threatened by the claimant that if he broke up with her that she would accuse the nephew of sexually molesting her daughter. Furthermore, they did interview the person of interest and he denied any wrongdoing and that at the time they all lived together and there were various persons that slept in the same room that the daughter slept in and that there was no way that he would have been able to do this without any witness. Person of interest had no priors, and his history was clean of felonies. Claimant was advised that at this time there was no evidence to back up her claim, no DNA, and that the Forensic exam was inconclusive. That without more evidence that they would be unable to prosecute this case. The detectives also advised the claimant about the claim that she had threatened the boyfriend that she would accuse the nephew of doing this if she broke up with him.

A. Board Members choose to decline this case on the grounds that the case seems to be ongoing and there was not enough evidence to determine if in fact there was a crime committed. They would decline this case until further investigation of the case is final or more evidence is brought forward to substantiate claimants claims of crime being committed. Michael Andazola made a motion to decline the application for state compensation and to make the claimant a victim at this time. Seconding the motion was Kendal Curtis, Sandra Figeroa, and Felicia Herbert.

III: ON-GOING CLAIMS:

1) None at this time.
HEARING ADJOURNED AT Time 4:15 p.m.