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TO: Honorable Edwin W. Edwards
Governor, State of Louisiana

Honorable Members of the Legislature
State of Louisiana

We have the honor to submit the annual report of the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board. This report is submitted pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 46:1818 and covers the period of July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993.

The total amount of funds collected for FY 1993 was \$902,340.70. In FY 1993, seven hundred forty-six (746) claims were reviewed and a total of \$1,001,715.07 was awarded. The average total per award was \$2,023.66. Funds for the Crime Victims Reparations Program are not state appropriated funds and are mainly derived from costs levied on criminal court cases.

Crime victims' assistance programs continue to emerge throughout the state. The Board believes that close coordination of all victims' programs is essential to maximize services to victims and minimize costs for the administration of the programs.

Sincerely,

F. J. Benoit
Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS

The Crime Victims Reparations Board is under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and is domiciled in Baton Rouge. The board is composed of the Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement or his designee; seven members, one from each of the congressional districts in the state; a representative of the elderly; and a representative at large. The Board members are appointed by the governor for a term of four years.

The following members constituted the Crime Victims Reparations Board in FY 1993:

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CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS ACT

The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Act provides monetary compensation for economic losses to victims of crimes involving personal injury and to their dependents in cases of death. It also permits recovery for economic losses incurred as a result of a good faith effort to prevent a crime. However, it excludes persons acting within the scope of their employment which includes the duty to protect the public safety.

The maximum award allowable is \$10,000.00 for any one claim. The Board may extend an award to \$25,000.00 for victims whose injuries are total and permanent. Such claims are reduced by all collateral sources such as medical and hospitalization insurance payments, welfare, social security benefits, disability income insurance, workmen's compensation and other sources of benefits.

FUNDING

Income for the compensation fund is composed primarily of monies paid as costs levied on criminal court cases. A cost of not less than fifty dollars for felonies and seven dollars fifty cents for violations of misdemeanors and municipal and parish ordinances is levied, except traffic violations other than those driving offenses defined in Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 which result in a conviction. Other components of the fund include federal grant, court-ordered restitution from criminals, donations and interest.

Act 684 of the 1992 La. Legislature created the Victims of Juvenile Crime Compensation Fund. Courts which levy the cost not to exceed \$15 must remit one-third of the amount collected to the Crime Victims Reparations Fund.

The Crime Victims Reparations Board manages a small fund and must insure that these dollars are disbursed as equitably and fairly as possible. At present, these dollars have been decreasing due to various factors such as collections not keeping pace with awards and increased medical and mental health costs. At the same time, an overall increase in claims has occurred. The Board adopted standard Operating Procedures to keep the fund solvent and help contain these costs while insuring equitable disbursements.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR AWARDS

A person who believes he or she is a victim of a crime which involved the use of force or threat of force and resulted in personal injury and/or loss of income; the victim's legal representative; or, in the case of death, a dependent or the dependent's legal representative may make application to the Board for an award.

A claim may be filed regardless of whether the offender is known, has been arrested, and/or has been found guilty.

The crime must:

1. involve the use of force or threat of use of force **and**
2. result in personal injury, death, or catastrophic property loss **and**
3. result in expenses covered by the statute and not reimbursable by any other source.

Vehicular crimes (motor vehicle, boat or aircraft) are not included unless they involve a DWI offense, a hit and run offense, are caused by a driver who is fleeing apprehension by law enforcement, or the injuries were intentionally inflicted with a vehicle.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The crime must have been committed in Louisiana after July 16, 1982, or happened to a Louisiana resident in a place with no compensation program.
2. The crime must be reported to law enforcement officials within 72 hours unless there is a valid reason for a later reporting.
3. The application must be filed within one year from the date of the crime.
4. The required information must be provided on the application.
5. The losses must not be reimbursable from any other source such as insurance, sick or annual leave, social security, medicare, medicaid, civil suit, or restitution.
6. The victim or claimant must cooperate with the reasonable requests of law enforcement officials.

AWARDS ARE PROHIBITED IF:

1. The victim does not comply with the application requirements above.
2. The victim or claimant is the offender or an accessory, or an award would unjustly benefit either the offender or the accessory.
3. The victim is confined in any type of correctional facility.
4. The victim's employment includes the duty to protect the public safety and the victim is acting within the scope of his employment.

AN AWARD COULD BE DENIED OR REDUCED IF:

1. The Board finds the implication of the victim's behavior at the time of the crime or the victim's past criminal activity caused or contributed to the incident.
2. The victim was operating a vehicle at the time of the crime without the required insurance.
3. The victim was not wearing a seat belt as required by state law.
4. The victim was a willing passenger in a vehicle driven by an intoxicated driver.

EXPENSES

Expenses which may be reimbursed include those:

1. For personal injury:
 - a) medical, hospital, nursing, physical therapy, psychiatric care, or counseling;
 - b) actual loss of past earnings and anticipated loss of future earnings because of a disability resulting from the personal injury;
 - c) care of children enabling a victim or the spouse, but not both, to engage in gainful employment.
2. As a consequence of death:
 - a) funeral, burial, cremation expenses;
 - b) loss of support to one or more dependents not otherwise compensated for personal injury loss;
 - c) care of children enabling the surviving spouse to engage in lawful employment, where that expense is not otherwise compensated for personal injury loss;
 - d) counseling or therapy for any surviving family member of the victim or any person in close relationship to such victim, if the person was physically present and directly observed the commission of the crime.
3. Expenses of the victim associated with the collection and securing of crime scene evidence.

Expenses which may not be reimbursed for any reason include:

1. Property losses except for a catastrophic property loss which is limited to the loss of the victim's abode provided it is owned and occupied by the victim;
2. Pain and suffering;
3. Attorney fees except when they are part of an order from a hearing or awarded by a court of law.

PROCESSING

Applications are distributed, received, and investigated by the Sheriff's Office in the parish where the crime occurred. As part of their investigative responsibilities, the sheriff's officer obtains a copy of the law enforcement agency report on the crime, verifies all the expenses submitted and insurance or any other collateral sources that the claimant may have received; and makes a recommendation based on the investigation.

The application is then submitted to the Crime Victims Reparations Board's office where the Program Manager reviews the submitted documents, prepares a summary, and places the application on a monthly docket to be reviewed and considered by the entire Board. Applications are reviewed by the Board at its regular meeting, which is open to the public. The Board votes to either award or deny; however, they may also vote to continue the case for further information or may order a hearing.

The victim/claimant is notified in writing, usually within seven days, of the Board's decision. The Board secretary prepares the award checks which are distributed to the Law Enforcement District Program Directors who in turn direct them to the respective Sheriff's offices from which they are sent to the victims and/or providers. The process takes four to six weeks from the Board meeting decision date. The victim/claimant has the right to appeal the decision of the Board under an administrative procedure.

Provisions are made for payment of emergency awards up to \$500.00 in cases where urgency is apparent. Emergency awards are made upon the recommendation of the sheriff's investigator and concurrence of the Board Member for the area involved.

Supplemental applications may be submitted for additional expenses incurred after the original award has been made. The aggregate total cannot exceed the maximum caps as per the statute. The supplementals are processed in the same manner as original claims and, as such, must be submitted through the Sheriff's Office.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AWARENESS

A substantial effort was begun in FY 1985 to inform Louisiana citizens of its compensation program to assist victims of crime. In this regard, the general mass media, radio, television, newspapers, speeches, etc., have been most helpful. In spite of our public relations effort, it is quite apparent that there are many victims of crime in this state who are still not aware of benefits of the Act. Thousands of brochures and posters have been distributed to various agencies that provide services to victims throughout the state. In addition, Act 383 of the 1992 La. Legislature mandated that the Crime Victims Reparations Board is to prepare a brochure enumerating certain victim's rights and listing the victim assistance services available specific to each parish. This is to be distributed by the appropriate law enforcement agency. The information will be furnished in conjunction with the Crime Victims Reparations Program brochure.

Public service announcements were developed and distributed in 1990 to all radio and television stations licensed to broadcast in Louisiana.

In April, 1993, the Crime Victims Reparations Board hosted a legislative breakfast in recognition of National Crime Victims Rights weeks. Hundreds of buttons with the slogan "Crime Doesn't Pay - Victims Do" were distributed.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION

The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board is a member of the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards, which is comprised of all 50 state programs, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands, and of the International Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards, consisting of over 50 separate jurisdictions worldwide including Canada, Australia, England and Japan. Dr. David K. Hollingsworth, Board Member, was named to the Board of Directors of the National Association. Mr. George Hubbell, Board Member, is Co-chairman of the International Association.

The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board is also a member of the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) and the National Victim Center.

The Louisiana Crime Victim Reparations Board was well represented at the National Crime Victim Technical Assistance Workshop in November, 1992, in Washington, D.C.

COLLECTIONS, GRANT, AND AWARDS

	Revenues Collected*	VOCA Federal Grant	Total Funds Awarded
FY 1983	\$299,568.00		\$33,645.86
FY 1984	664,354.60		240,536.41
FY 1985	588,258.62		195,403.74
FY 1986	727,224.55	77,000.00	575,579.73
FY 1987	698,437.94	114,000.00	865,164.07
FY 1988	618,320.12	222,000.00	765,528.74
FY 1989	749,507.52	222,000.00	703,750.60
FY 1990	699,292.42	326,000.00	1,028,644.11
FY 1991	831,859.37	220,000.00	1,222,260.81
FY 1992	990,399.86	206,000.00	1,154,816.42
FY 1993	902,340.70	405,000.00	1,001,715.07
TOTALS	\$7,778,790.70	\$1,792,000.00	\$6,564,784.75

*Fines, restitution, interest, donations

CLAIMS PROCESSED

	Claims Awarded	Claims Denied	Claims Deferred
FY 1983	11	14	0
FY 1984	69	21	0
FY 1985	80	21	4
FY 1986	213	21	5
FY 1987	332	36	11
FY 1988	317	49	13
FY 1989	267	59	11
FY 1990	387	82	25
FY 1991	450	78	13
FY 1992	479	118	21
FY 1993	495	231	20
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TOTALS	3,110	730	123

CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS

RECEIPTS BY PARISH FY 1993

PARISH	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED
Acadia	\$15,576.19
Allen	5,524.50
Ascension	21,232.50
Assumption	2,643.00
Avoyelles	11,634.50
Beauregard	9,887.50
Bienville	3,107.50
Bossier	13,060.00
Caddo	49,334.15
Calcasieu	43,037.36
Caldwell	2,680.00
Cameron	3,315.00
Catahoula	2,457.50
Claiborne	3,349.50
Concordia	4,855.00
DeSoto	8,450.62
East Baton Rouge	48,710.00
East Carroll	1,682.75
East Feliciana	2,758.00
Evangeline	7,159.09
Franklin	9,499.64
Grant	2,627.70
Iberia	10,833.55
Iberville	7,035.00
Jackson	5,897.30
Jefferson	88,753.73
Jefferson Davis	9,210.25
Lafayette	41,925.00
Lafourche	13,033.00
LaSalle	2,200.48
Lincoln	8,516.95
Livingston	14,473.96
Madison	5,924.00
Morehouse	9,088.31
Natchitoches	4,375.95
Orleans	48,267.44

RECEIPTS BY PARISH FY 1993

PARISH	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED
Ouachita	45,475.43
Plaquemines	5,358.20
Pointe Coupee	3,937.18
Rapides	24,176.54
Red River	495.00
Richland	4,645.50
Sabine	3,502.50
St. Bernard	7,420.50
St. Charles	7,198.73
St. Helena	935.00
St. James	2,557.50
St. John the Baptist	10,759.05
St. Landry	17,366.36
St. Martin	7,237.50
St. Mary	24,587.78
St. Tammany	30,014.84
Tangipahoa	23,528.66
Tensas	2,272.00
Terrebonne	25,488.47
Union	2,069.02
Vermilion	19,834.50
Vernon	38,971.00
Washington	9,339.73
Webster	6,650.00
West Baton Rouge	5,005.00
West Carroll	3,031.29
West Feliciana	3,242.50
Winn	3,512.00
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TOTALS	\$880,728.70

CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS

AWARDS BY PARISH
FY 1993

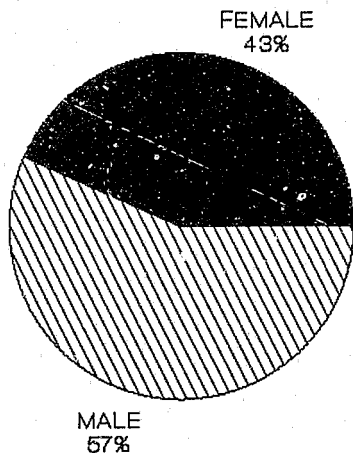
Parish	Total Amount Awarded*	Total	<u>Number of Claims</u>		
			Award**	Denied	Deferred
Acadia	\$ 1,127.92	3	1	2	0
Allen	20,956.23	3	3	0	0
Ascension	20,931.08	16	14	2	0
Assumption	0.00	0	0	0	0
Avoyelles	21,814.08	4	2	1	1
Beauregard	6,020.27	8	7	1	0
Bienville	5,204.23	2	1	1	0
Bossier	14,370.64	15	6	6	3
Caddo	85,679.54	84	37	46	1
Calcasieu	56,181.01	31	23	7	1
Caldwell	0.00	0	0	0	0
Cameron	0.00	1	0	1	0
Catahoula	0.00	0	0	0	0
Claiborne	11,911.52	4	3	1	0
Concordia	2,000.00	1	1	0	0
DeSoto	3,740.00	5	4	1	0
East Baton Rouge	55,969.62	67	41	24	2
East Carroll	0.00	0	0	0	0
East Feliciana	2,308.36	2	2	0	0
Evangeline	4,048.92	4	4	0	0
Franklin	6,000.00	3	3	0	0
Grant	2,223.34	3	3	0	0
Iberia	5,505.75	23	16	5	2
Iberville	4,048.92	4	2	2	0
Jackson	0.00	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	147,837.68	65	51	14	0
Jefferson Davis	7,450.00	2	2	0	0
Lafayette	32,747.03	34	22	11	1
Lafourche	0.00	1	0	1	0
LaSalle	2,550.00	6	3	3	0
Lincoln	6,604.77	4	3	1	0
Livingston	0.00	0	0	0	0
Madison	3,131.00	2	2	0	0
Morehouse	0.00	0	0	0	0
Natchitoches	5,362.08	7	5	2	0
Orleans	213,360.29	145	88	55	2

Parish	Total Amount Awarded*	Total	Number of Claims		
			Award**	Denied	Deferred
Ouachita	8,646.42	9	6	3	0
Plaquemines	0.00	0	0	0	0
Pointe Coupee	746.05	1	1	0	0
Rapides	51,922.38	34	27	7	0
Red River	0.00	0	0	0	0
Richland	2,000.00	2	2	0	0
Sabine	13,861.80	3	3	0	0
St. Bernard	3,241.89	2	2	0	0
St. Charles	4,817.32	11	5	5	1
St. Helena	4,554.25	3	3	0	0
St. James	3,056.03	4	2	1	1
St. John the Baptist	0.00	0	0	0	0
St. Landry	6,269.16	7	5	2	1
St. Martin	4,280.43	7	6	1	0
St. Mary	10,563.86	6	5	1	0
St. Tammany	29,252.10	15	10	5	0
Tangipahoa	34,612.35	34	27	5	2
Tensas	0.00	0	0	0	0
Terrebonne	0.00	0	0	0	0
Union	1,000.00	1	1	0	0
Vermilion	12,608.25	19	17	2	0
Vernon	7,390.00	6	5	1	0
Washington	3,912.54	4	2	2	0
Webster	18,680.94	10	6	4	0
West Baton Rouge	0.00	1	0	1	0
West Carroll	0.00	0	0	0	0
West Feliciana	5,417.80	2	2	0	0
Winn	0.00	0	0	0	0
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TOTAL	\$1,001,715.07	746	495	231	20

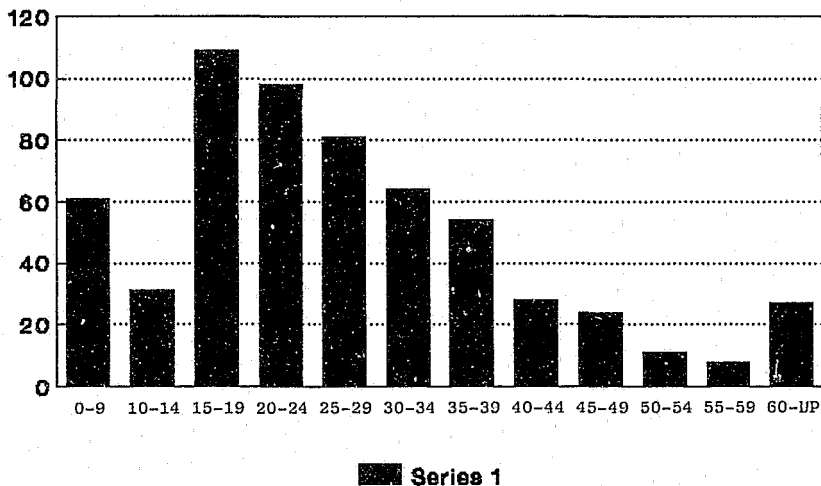
*Includes both State
and Federal funds.

**Includes initial and
supplemental applications.

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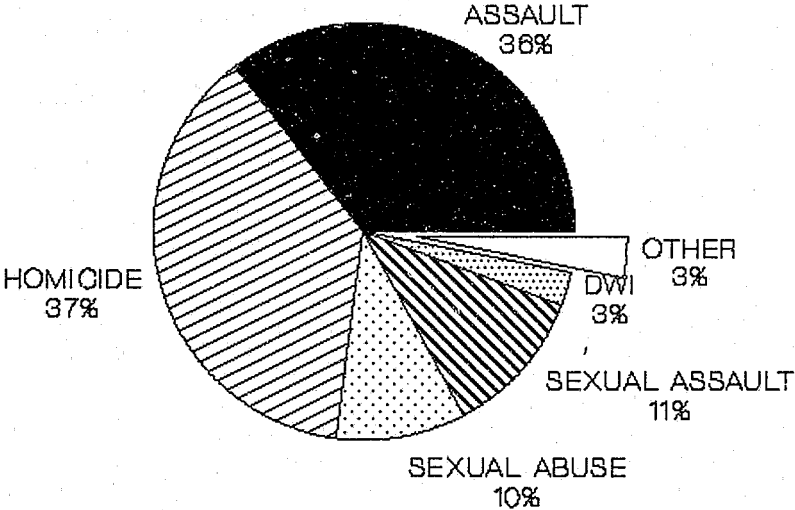


CLAIMS BY AGE FY 93

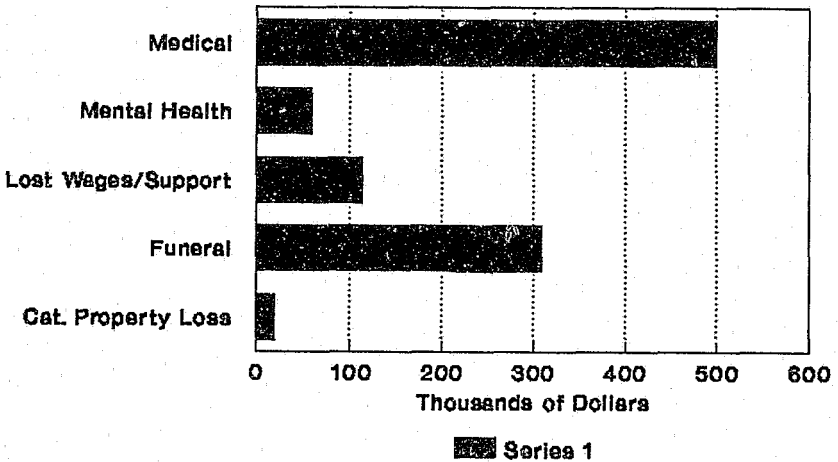


CLAIMS BY CRIME TYPE

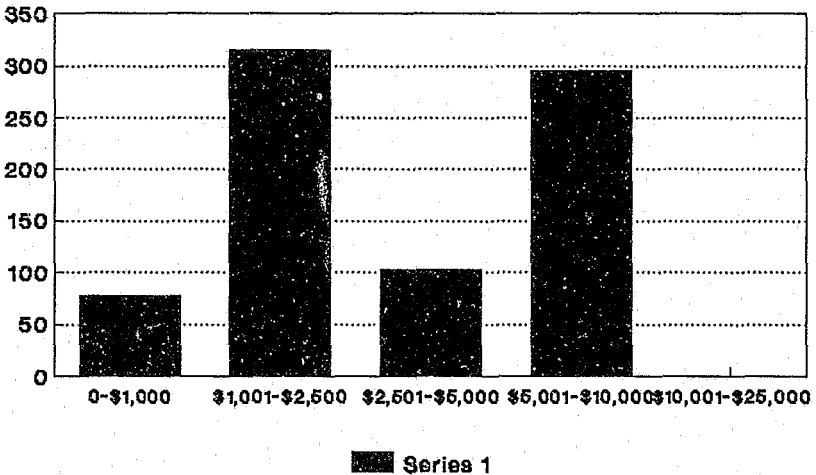
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AMOUNT AWARDED BY EXPENSES FOR FY 93



CLAIMS BY DOLLAR AMOUNT FY 93



SAMPLE SUMMARIES

Acadia 93-001

Claimant, female, 39, was beaten in Crowley by 2 males, one of whom was a juvenile. The assailants were arrested and charged.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$1,127.92 for medical expenses.

Allen 93-004

Claimant is the mother of a 28 year old female who was injured by her boyfriend in Oakdale. The man threw the victim, breaking her neck which resulted in paralysis. The man was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree battery.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$5,200.00.

Ascension 93-005

Claimant is the father of an 8 year old girl who was raped several times by her mother's boyfriend in her Donaldsonville home. The assailant was found guilty of aggravated rape.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$582.50 for mental health expenses.

Assumption 92-001

Claimant, male, 55, and his brother-in-law got into an argument at the victim's Bell Rose home. The man threw a pot of hot water on the victim causing 2nd degree burns. The assailant was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree battery to which he pled guilty. Restitution was not ordered.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$9,961.62 for medical expenses.

Avoyelles 92-002

Claimant is the father of a 22 year old male who suffered a gunshot wound to the head in his Marksville home. The Grand Jury returned a true bill against the victim's girlfriend for attempted 2nd degree murder; however, she was acquitted in a jury trial.

BOARD ACTION: Denied as there was no evidence a crime was committed.

Beauregard 93-003

Claimant, male, 36, was assaulted in DeRidder. The assailants were apprehended and charged with aggravated battery.
BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$604.16 for medical expenses.

Bienville 93-001

Claimant, male, 47, was accused by the elderly man with whom he shared a residence in Arcadia of stealing a gun. When the victim denied the theft, the man stabbed the victim in the back. The assailant was apprehended and charged with aggravated assault.
BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$5,204.23 for medical expenses.

Bossier 93-001

Claimant, female, 31, was shot 3 times in her Bossier City home by her estranged husband who then shot and killed himself.
BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$6,366.78 for medical expenses.

Caddo 92-058

Claimant, female, 20, and a friend left a local Shreveport nightclub and gave a ride to 2 men. The men forced the women at gunpoint to drive to a remote area where they repeatedly raped and beat the women, shot them, and left them for dead. One victim died. This victim had several teeth knocked out among other injuries. The assailants were apprehended and charged with 1st degree murder and attempted 1st degree murder.
BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$4,219.79 for dental expenses.

Caddo 92-070

Claimant, male, 19, was involved in an altercation in Shreveport with a suspect during which shots were fired by both. Later that evening, the victim was shot once while dozing on a porch. The police were able to put together a photo line-up based on information from witnesses. The victim refused to identify anyone and advised police that he did not wish to pursue the case.
BOARD ACTION: Denied for failure to cooperate with law enforcement officials.

Calcasieu 93-001

Claimant, female, 51, and her husband had an argument in their Lake Charles home. Later when the woman was in her vehicle, leaving for the grocery store, her husband shot her 3 times. He was apprehended and charged with attempted 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$5,191.61 for medical and counseling expenses and lost wages.

Cameron 93-001

Claimant, male, 37, sustained head and facial injuries during a fight in Cameron. This victim was charged with molestation of a juvenile and the man who beat him was charged with 2nd degree battery.

BOARD ACTION: Denied for victim contribution.

Claiborne 93-002

Claimant is the mother of a 19 year old male who was killed in an automobile accident outside of Homer. The victim was the passenger in the single car accident. The driver was apprehended and charged with negligent homicide.

BOARD ACTION: Denied as this crime is not covered under the Crime Victims Reparations Act.

Concordia 93-007

Claimant is the mother of a 35 year old female who died from a gunshot wound inflicted in her Ferriday home during a scuffle with her boyfriend. The man was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Deferred for a decision by the Grand Jury.

East Baton Rouge 93-004

Claimant is the mother of a 16 year old male who was shot and killed in an apartment complex parking lot in the Mall City area of Baton Rouge. The victim and a friend approached two men sitting in a parked vehicle. The men in the vehicle claimed the victim and the other male attempted to rob them and that one was armed. One of the men in the vehicle retrieved his gun and fired, injuring one and killing this victim. Charges of 1st degree and attempted 1st degree murder were pending.

BOARD ACTION: Denied because the victim was the offender.

East Feliciana 93-001

Claimant, female, 24, was beaten in her Clinton home by her former boyfriend and suffered fractures of the nose, cheekbone, eye sockets and hand. The assailant was apprehended and charged with aggravated battery.

BOARD ACTION: Denied as there were no compensable out of pocket expenses.

Evangeline 93-007

Claimant is the husband of a 63 year old female who was killed in her Chataignier convenience store during an armed robbery. The woman was hacked with a machete and shot in the head. The assailant was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2000.00 for funeral expenses.

Franklin 93-001

Claimant is the father of a 39 year old woman who was killed by her estranged husband at a relative's home north of Baskin. The man assaulted the victim's son, shot one of the relatives, stabbed the victim to death, then committed suicide.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$640.00 for counseling expenses for the victim's son who witnessed the homicide.

Grant 93-001

Claimant is the mother of a 4 year old girl who was molested in her Montgomery home by her stepfather. The man was apprehended and charged with molestation of a juvenile.

BOARD ACTION: Deferred for mental health treatment justification and then awarded \$659.35 for counseling expenses.

Iberia 93-009

Claimant is the mother of an 18 year old female who died from injuries received in a hit and run incident outside New Iberia. No one was ever apprehended.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

Iberville 92-003

Claimant, male, 26, was involved in an altercation in Plaquemine. Both men had knives. This victim was stabbed in the stomach. The other man was apprehended and charged with aggravated battery.

BOARD ACTION: Denied because it was filed past the one year deadline.

Jefferson 92-040

Claimant, male, 22, was sitting in his car with a female friend in front of her Avondale residence when 2 men approached, ordered the victim and the female out of the vehicle, shot the victim, and stole the vehicle.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$9,911.50 for medical expenses.

Jefferson Davis 93-003

Claimant is the mother of a 20 year old male who was found at a boat launch in Welsh dead from injuries to the head. No arrests were made.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2000.00 for funeral expenses.

Lafayette 93-003

Claimant, male, 31, was at a pizza restaurant in Lafayette when his car was stolen from the parking lot, used in an armed robbery of a grocery store, and wrecked during a high speed chase with law enforcement. Claimant sought funds for replacement of the vehicle.

BOARD ACTION: Denied because property loss is not covered under the Crime Victims Reparations Act.

Lafourche 93-001

Claimant is the adoptive parent of a 5 year old boy who was physically, emotionally, and sexually abused by his natural parents in his Houma home. Incidents included sexual intercourse by the parents and other adults. The father was found guilty of aggravated rape and received 3 life sentences. The mother received 15 years for molestation.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$685.05 for medical, counseling, and out of town travel for treatment.

Lincoln 92-006

Claimant is the mother of a 15 year old male who was shot at his Dubach home. Another male was removing a gun from his pocket to unload it when the gun discharged, striking the victim. No charges were filed by the District Attorney.

BOARD ACTION: Denied as this was considered accidental and not a crime and as such is not covered by the Crime Victims Reparations Act.

Livingston 93-001

Claimant is the father of a 24 year old woman who was strangled to death by her husband in Watson. The man drove around with the woman's body in the trunk for most of the day before dumping the body in the woods. He had his two children with him.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

Natchitoches 93-002

Claimant is the stepfather of a 24 year old man who was shot and killed in his Campti home by his wife. The couple argued, the woman got a gun, loaded it, and shot her husband. There was no history or allegation of domestic abuse of violence. The woman pled guilty to 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

Orleans 93-006

Claimants are the 22 year old male victim and his father who assisted with payment of the bills. The victim and a friend were driving in New Orleans when a vehicle pulled alongside, the unknown occupants began making comments about the victims's driving, and then started shooting. The victim was shot in the back through the lungs and liver.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$3,058.75: \$1,458.75 to the claimant for medical expenses and \$1,600.00 to the victim for lost wages.

Ouachita 92-005

Claimant, female, 73, was in the parking lot of a West Monroe grocery store when an assailant stole her purse. In the process, she was knocked unconscious and received multiple rib and pelvic fractures, scalp lacerations and other injuries. The assailant was apprehended and charged with purse snatching and forgery.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$461.38 for medical expenses.

Rapides 92-020

Claimant is the mother of a 9 year old female who was raped by her stepfather many times over a 2 year period in her Glenmore home. The man was apprehended and charged with aggravated rape.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$426.25 for medical and counseling expenses.

Red River 93-001

Claimant, female, 43, was shot by her husband in their Ringgold home. The couple had been having difficulties for a few months and had taken separate bedrooms. The day of the incident they had been arguing. That evening, the husband forced the woman to have intercourse. She got angry, attempted to damage their waterbed, and threw nail clippers at her husband. He shot her in the face and in both arms. He was apprehended and charged with attempted 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$3, 731.66 for medical expenses.

Richland 93-002

Claimant is the mother of an 8 year old male who was raped by a 14 year old at his Rayville home. The juvenile was apprehended and charged with aggravated rape, found guilty and sentenced to juvenile probation, mental counseling and blood testing.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$575.25 for counseling and out of town traveling for treatment.

Sabine 92-003

Claimant is the brother-in-law of a 39 year old male who was stabbed and killed in Fisher. The victim went to his neighbor's house. The neighbor was not there but other people who had been drinking were. An argument started between the victim and 2 women during which the victim hit one of the women. He then attempted to leave but was approached by another male who stabbed him. The assailant was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

St. Bernard 93-007

Claimant, is the sister of a 43 year old man who was shot and killed in Poydras. The victim and the owner of a grocery store got into an argument which turned into a fist fight. The grocer pulled a gun and shot the unarmed victim. The grocer was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

St. Charles 93-002

Claimant is the mother of a 25 year old female who was shot and killed in Boutte. The woman and 3 others went into an apartment apparently to smoke crack cocaine. When they exited, the victim and the perpetrator began arguing and the victim was shot. The victim's blood/urine sample tested positive for cocaine. The assailant was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree murder.

BOARD ACTION: Denied for victim contribution.

St. Helena 93-002

Claimant, female, 35 was raped at knife point in her Greensburg home. The assailant was apprehended and charged with aggravated rape.

BOARD ACTION: Deferred for mental health treatment documentation.

St. Landry 93-017

Claimant is the father of a 9 year old boy who died from a gunshot wound in Lewisburg. The child's step-father has 2 charges of 1st degree murder pending for the death of the child and his mother.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

St. Martin 93-008

Claimant is the daughter of a 92 year old woman who died in a fire which destroyed her St. Martinville home. The fire was deliberately set by 2 juveniles who were arrested and sentenced to juvenile life.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

St. Mary 93-002

Claimant, female, 39, was attacked in her Morgan City home by two unidentified men who beat her and attempted to rape her. The victim's daughter was present and was also struck by one of the intruders.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,945.37 for medical expenses and lost wages.

St. Tammany 93-009

Claimant is the mother of an 8 year old girl who died in Covington from injuries she received after being struck by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle did not stop . A witness followed the vehicle and forced it to a stop and restrained the driver until authorities arrived. The driver was charged with first offense DWI (his BAC was .248 grams %), hit and run, and vehicular homicide.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

Terrebonne 93-001

Claimant, male, 64, was struck on the head with a beer bottle and dragged in an alley while delivering Thanksgiving food in Gray. the assailant was found guilty of armed robbery.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$1,581.44 for medical expenses.

Union 93-001

Claimants are the mother and grandmother of a 29 year old male who was shot and killed in Bernice. At the preliminary hearing, the judge ruled that there was no probable cause, the defendant had acted in self-defense.

BOARD ACTION: Denied because the victim was the aggressor.

Vermilion 93-002

Claimant is the mother of an 8 year old female who was molested by her babysitter's husband in his Abbeville residence. The molestation included digital manipulation of the child and exposure and ejaculation by the perpetrator. He threatened to harm her and remove her from her family. The assailant was not incarcerated while charges were pending before the grand jury.

BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$480.00 for counseling expenses.

Vernon 93-002

Claimant is the mother of a 25 year old woman who was shot and killed by her husband from whom she was separated. The woman, accompanied by a police officer, had gone back to her New Llano home for her personal belongings. The husband showed up, asked to talk, was allowed in by the officer, asked her to stay, then pulled a gun and shot her when she refused. The husband was apprehended and charged with 2nd degree murder. BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

Washington 93-005

Claimant is the husband of a 46 year old woman who was found dead in her Angie home from multiple gunshot wounds. The woman's 22 year old daughter was also killed. No one was arrested. BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$2,000.00 for funeral expenses.

Webster 93-005

Claimant is the father of a 21 year old male who was shot and killed outside a club in Cullen. The victim was in violation of his probation by carrying a weapon at the time of the crime. BOARD ACTION: Denied for illegal activity by the victim.

West Baton Rouge 93-001

Claimant is the wife of a 42 year old man who died in a vehicular accident in Brusly. The victim, a passenger in the vehicle, had a BAC of .19 grams %. The driver, whose BAC was .175 grams %, was charged with 2nd offense DWI, negligent homicide, reckless driving, and failure to register the vehicle. BOARD ACTION: Denied as the victim was not wearing a seat belt and appears to have been a willing passenger in the vehicle.

West Feliciana 92-002

Claimant is the aunt of a 23 year old man who was shot and killed in Hardwood. The assailant claimed that the victim hit his dog with a brick, went into an apartment, returned with a knife, and attacked him; so, he shot the victim. Witnesses did not feel that the dog had injuries and advised that the assailant could have taken other action. The assailant was apprehended, charged with 2nd degree murder, pled guilty to manslaughter, and was sentenced to 15 years with the Department of Corrections. BOARD ACTION: Awarded \$1,513.80 for funeral expenses.

