To the Cornell Community:

Victims of federal crimes who have been directly and proximately harmed are entitled to certain access, information, and services under federal law (the Crime Victims’ Rights Act (“CVRA”), Title 18, United States Code, §3771). The CVRA sets forth rights of those who have experienced physical, emotional, psychological, and/or financial harm as a result of a federal crime.

Under the CVRA, a victim of a federal crime has the following rights:

(1) to be reasonably protected from the accused;
(2) to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding involving the crime, or of any release or escape of the accused;
(3) to not be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding;
(4) to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the federal district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding;
(5) to confer with the attorney(s) for the government in the case;
(6) to full and timely restitution as provided by law;
(7) to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;
(8) to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim’s dignity and privacy;
(9) to be informed in a timely manner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution agreement; and
(10) to be informed of the rights under this section and the services described in section 503(c) of the Victims’ Rights and Restitution Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. § 10607(c)), and provided contact information for the Office of Victims’ Rights.

If you feel that you have been harmed by the alleged federal crimes committed by Patrick Dai, you may be entitled to the above rights. The United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of New York has a Victim Witness Unit that is available to provide additional information, answer questions, offer support, and connect you with services to help you heal.

Members of the community are welcome to contact U.S. Attorney’s Office Victim Witness Coordinator Ivy Schoff at:

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