

The Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit provides services to the local criminal courts and the offenders pending sentencing in those courts. The Unit conducts an extensive investigation, which culminates in a report that is presented to the sentencing court. The report includes the offender's court and legal information, personal background information, current offense information, criminal history, victim information, social history, substance abuse history and a supervision plan with recommendations designed to rehabilitate the offender in the event he/she is placed on community supervision. The Community Supervision Officer compiles the information obtained through the investigation into a report, which is used to produce an appropriate supervision plan recommendation to the court. This information is essential at sentencing because it provides the court with information intended to assist the judge in making an informed decision which protects the community and allows the offender the opportunity to undergo rehabilitation.