

## **Releasing a Restitution Lien on Real Property**

When a defendant has paid the restitution in full, the **Restitution Lien** must be released. The victim has a statutory obligation to release the lien when it is paid in full. Failure to release a lien in a timely manner could result in civil repercussions, including lawsuits, court fines, damages, attorney's fees, etc.

A victim/lienholder may receive inquiries regarding the filed lien. It is the responsibility of the lienholder to confirm that the person for whom the inquiry is made is the actual defendant by verifying name and date of birth.

### **To Remove a Restitution Lien on Real Property:**

- 1) Complete the **Release of Restitution Lien on Real Property** form.
- 2) File the original with the clerk of the court and request two certified copies.
- 3) Record a certified copy of the **Release of Restitution Lien on Real Property** with the County Recorder's Office in the county where the lien was filed.
- 4) Keep a copy for your files.