

1 **Rule 4-202.12. Request by victim to use initials rather than name.**

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3 **Intent:**

4 To establish the process for using a victim's initials rather than the victim's name in publicly
5 accessible court filings or documents ("Court Records").

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7 **Applicability:**

8 This rule applies to courts of record and not of record.

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10 **Statement of the rule:**

11 **(1) Form and filing of request.** A request to use a victim's initials on public Court Records
12 under Utah Code section 77-38-6 must be in writing and submitted to the court. The request
13 may be submitted by:

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15 (1)(A) the victim, provided the request includes:

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17 (1)(A)(i) a signed declaration affirming that the requester is the victim, and that
18 the statement is true and correct and made under criminal penalty under Utah
19 law; or

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21 (1)(A)(ii) other documentation sufficient to verify the victim's identity; or

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23 (1)(B) the prosecutor, upon notice that the victim has requested to be identified by
24 initials.

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26 **(2) Request prior to final disposition, judgment, or sentencing.** For an offense occurring on
27 or after July 1, 2026, if a valid request is made after a charging document or other Court Record
28 associated with a criminal or juvenile delinquency case has been filed, but before the entry of a
29 final disposition, judgment, or sentence:

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31 (2)(A) the previously filed Court Record that identifies the victim by name rather than
32 initials must be promptly reclassified as a private record;

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34 (2)(B) if the filing is a charging document, the prosecutor must, within 15 days of
35 receiving notice of the request, file a substitute charging document using the victim's
36 initials in place of the victim's name, as the public version of the charging document; and

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38 (2)(C) if the filing is another public Court Record, the filer must, within 15 days of
39 receiving notice of the request, file a substitute document using the victim's initials in
40 place of the victim's name, as the public version of the document.

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42 **(3) Exceptions.** This rule does not apply to Court Records:

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44 (3)(A) required for the issuance or enforcement of a criminal protective order or a
45 criminal stalking injunction; or

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47 (3)(B) created by the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.
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49 **(4) Post disposition.** If a victim makes a request under Utah Code section 77-38-6 after the
50 entry of final disposition, judgment, or sentencing, the request may be presented by motion or
51 petition under Rule 4-202.04.

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