

My name is Erik Nicholson. I am a criminal defense attorney. I submit this testimony in opposition to SB 214.

I recently represented a young woman who was convicted of criminal mischief II after keying the car of her boyfriend's lover. The victim took her early 90's Honda into one of the most expensive paint shops in town and came to the restitution hearing with a quote of almost \$10,000.00 to repaint her car. I was able to present evidence that the high blue book value for the car was \$1,200.00. The Judge ordered the entire \$1,200.00 (replacement cost of the vehicle) for what were two scratches in an already beat-up car, on its last legs. The prosecution argued strongly for the full \$10,000.00.

I urge you to vote NO on SB 214.