

# Complaint or Recommendation Form

The Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services (DIDS) is authorized by the Board of Indigent Defense (BIDS) to receive complaints and recommendations concerning the provision of indigent defense services from any interested person including, without limitation, judges, defendants, attorneys and members of the public.

Please complete this form to submit a recommendation or complaint to DIDS.

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**Date:**

09/30/2024

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**Please choose the appropriate option that describes yourself: \* Req**

» **Other** (Selected)

Judge

Court Administration

Defense Attorney

Client

Member of the General Public

**If Other, please describe:**

INDEPENDENT FORENSIC CONSULTANT (EXPERT WITNESS)

**Please state your Complaint or Recommendation:**

I was initially contacted on 12-27-23 by Attorney Nadine Morton to perform forensic analysis on a murder case out of Nye County. The Defendant is John Vithoukas (23CR02074). DIDS first approved \$15,000 for my involvement in the case. I submitted my first invoice for \$9687.50 on 4-10-24. I received a check for that amount from Nye County on 6-20-24 (about 2 months and 2 weeks later). I then performed additional forensic work and examinations and evaluations on the case. It was expected that I would be testifying at trial and additional funds in the amount of \$3000 was approved by DIDS for me to complete my analysis and travel to Pahrump to testify. I learned from Ms. Morton on

8-6-24 that the case was negotiated (see my Invoice #2). I submitted a second invoice in the amount of \$2500 to Nadine Morton on the same date (8-6-24). Herein lies the problem - I have not been paid for my second invoice. I called and spoke with Bet-Nimra Torres Perez (who has been very helpful and understanding). At her recommendation, I contacted Ms. Morton who advised she submitted the paperwork for me to be paid. Ms. Perez sent an email to Lorina Dellinger from Nye County (and cc'd me) on 9-13-24 inquiring about the situation. Ms. Dellinger replied that she has no record of receiving the documentation. I have a copy of an email by Ms. Morton dated 9-17-24 where she sent (or resent) the required paperwork to Ms. Dellinger in Nye County (this could be a second submittal?). On 9-23-24, I called again and spoke with Ms. Perez. She sent another email to Ms. Dellinger asking if she received my invoice. As of this writing on 9-30-24, Ms. Dellinger has not responded to Ms. Perez. I don't know for sure where the mix-up and problems lie, but it is clear that Ms. Dellinger does not respond in a timely manner to inquiries from DIDS. As I believe (and I am told by many attorneys) that I am providing a valuable service (forensic expertise) to DIDS, I would like to be paid in a timely manner for my time and effort. It is going on 2 months since I submitted my second invoice on this case, and I would like to be justly compensated. Please call me if you have questions or need further clarification. Thank you - Joseph Matvay, Independent Forensic Consultant.

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