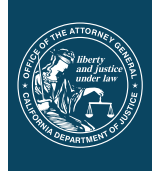# CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PENAL CODE 679.10

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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U Visas provide an immigration benefit for victims of qualifying criminal activity who have been helpful, are being helpful, or are likely to be helpful to law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, or other officials in the detection, investigation, prosecution, conviction, or sentencing of the criminal activity. Qualifying criminal activity includes rape, torture, human trafficking, incest, domestic violence, sexual assault, abusive sexual conduct, prostitution, sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation, being held hostage, peonage, perjury, involuntary servitude, slavery, kidnapping, abduction, unlawful criminal restraint, false imprisonment, blackmail, extortion, manslaughter, murder, felonious assault, witness tampering, obstruction of justice, fraud in foreign labor contracting, stalking, and crimes with substantially similar natures and elements.

Victims applying for U Visas must seek certifications from law enforcement agencies to establish the helpfulness of the victims. Chapter 721, Statutes of 2015 (SB 674), enacted Penal Code section 679.10 and mandated that certifying entities annually report to the Legislature the number of Form I-918 Supplement B (U Visa) certifications requested, signed, and denied by the entity.

Penal Code section 679.10

(n) A certifying entity that receives a request for a Form I-918 Supplement B certification shall report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the number of victims that requested Form I-918 Supplement B certifications from the entity, the number of those certification forms that were signed, and the number that were denied. A report pursuant to this subdivision shall comply with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

The following table reflects Department of Justice Form I-918 Supplement B certifications for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

Requested	Certified	Denied
1	1	0