

*Response from S.F. District Attorney's office sent to Mission Local on Oct. 7:*

Article 1, Section 28, of the California Constitution guarantees that victims of crime have the right to restitution if they have suffered losses as a result of criminal activity. Defendants are entitled to a hearing if they dispute the amount of restitution sought in court; ultimately, the amount to be paid is decided by the court. Every named victim that claims a financial loss is entitled to have that claim heard by the court, this includes the Golden Gate Bridge Authority (funds that belong to the state) as well as losses incurred by specific individuals who suffered personal losses.