

**609.10 SENTENCES AVAILABLE.**

Subdivision 1. **Sentences available.** Upon conviction of a felony and compliance with the other provisions of this chapter the court, if it imposes sentence, may sentence the defendant to the extent authorized by law as follows:

- (1) to life imprisonment; or
- (2) to imprisonment for a fixed term of years set by the court; or
- (3) to both imprisonment for a fixed term of years and payment of a fine; or
- (4) to payment of a fine without imprisonment or to imprisonment for a fixed term of years if the fine is not paid; or
- (5) to payment of court-ordered restitution in addition to either imprisonment or payment of a fine, or both; or
- (6) to payment of a local correctional fee as authorized under section 609.102 in addition to any other sentence imposed by the court.

Subd. 2. **Restitution.** (a) As used in this section, "restitution" includes:

- (1) payment of compensation to the victim or the victim's family; and
- (2) if the victim is deceased or already has been fully compensated, payment of money to a victim assistance program or other program directed by the court.

"Restitution" includes payment of compensation to a government entity that incurs loss as a direct result of a crime.

(b) When the defendant does not pay the entire amount of court-ordered restitution and the fine at the same time, the court may order that all restitution shall be paid before the fine is paid.

**History:** 1963 c 753 art 1 s 609.10; 1978 c 723 art 1 s 13; 1984 c 610 s 1; 1992 c 571 art 11 s 12; 1995 c 244 s 10; 1996 c 408 art 7 s 2; 1997 c 239 art 7 s 16