



Statewide Emerging Crime Issues Affecting Crime Victims

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Not just “Emerging” issues

- Emerging
- Emergent
- Re-emerging
- Recurrent
- Pernicious

Pernicious

Definition

per·ni·cious

/pər'niSHəs/

adjective

having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

"the pernicious impact of not being victim centered"

Coming to the CVJU's attention

Prosecutor based advocates

- Being clear about limits of confidentiality
- Facilitating communication with the prosecutor (“why can’t I talk with the prosecutor?”)
- Victim notification: When mail has to travel long distances before getting delivered – time to rethink our process

Coming to the CVJU's attention

Community based advocates

- Data, data, data
 - *Getting police reports*
 - *LEO inquiries to shelters*
- Role in post-conviction
- Narrow definition of “advocacy”

Coming to the CVJU's attention

In general

- City prosecutors
- Billing for sexual assault exams
- Setting realistic expectations on investigation, communication, charging, length of process, ability to speak with prosecutor, etc.



Coming to your attention . . . ?

What issues are you seeing with regard to:

- Law enforcement response
- Charging decisions
- Treatment of victims by criminal justice, social service, and advocacy professionals,



Coming to your attention . . . ?

What issues are you seeing with regard to:

- Cameras in the courtroom
- Impact of body cams worn by LEOs
- Represented victims

Most crimes in Minnesota go unreported, state survey reveals

Bank and credit card fraud is very common but rarely is reported, the findings from the 2016 showed.

By Paul Walsh Star Tribune | SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 — 3:34PM



Minnesota Crime Victim Survey

- 37% of all Minnesotans experienced some type of victimization in 2016
- Property crime most common
- Person crimes reported at a higher rate
- About a third of all crime reported to the police

Reminder – more data

Office of Justice Programs “dashboards”

- Arrest (race, gender, county)
- Court charges
- Probation
- Prison

Located on OJP website – under the SAC

Reminders

- Victim Legal Services Project – SMRLS (suburban metro), MMLA (Wilmar), and ALS (Bemidji)
- Victim information card – is your local agency ready for a check-up?
- Free resources available
- CVJU is available to you to provide technical assistance.

Announcements

- Regional Training in Moorhead and Bemidji, November 28-29
- Victim Notification – Looking for input on the VINE service
- MNVAA – October and November (class full)
- Look for announcement about “corrections victim assistance academy” (DOC)

Conclusion

Thank you!