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JANE DOE SEEKS REDRESS AFTER GOVERNMENT REVEALS HER IDENTITY

"Jane Doe" and her daughter fled a life of domestic abuse in hopes of starting fresh under new identities. They were forced to cut all ties, past and present, and leave without a trace destroying photos, bank account information and the only life they knew. They entered into the federal government's NIVA (New Identities for Victims of Abuse) program, now renamed Confidential Services for Victims of Abuse. NIVA was intended to aid and assist the family as they started anew.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEREAVED FAMILIES OF YORK REGION 2011 BUTTERFLY RELEASE - SEPT. 24th

On September 24th, at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket, the Bereaved Families of York will be holding their Annual Memorial Butterfly Release. Hundreds of Monarch Butterflies will be released at this beautiful event that helps to express sorrow for the death and loss of loved ones and honours their memory. The day will include a dove release and Monarch Butterfly release, inspirational songs and readings, children's activities and an afternoon picnic. For more information please visit <http://www.bfoyr.com> or email Diane Humeniuk at bfoyr_info@bellnet.ca.

"THROUGH THE GLASS" Book launch, by Shannon Moroney Release date: Oct. 11, 2011

At age 30, Shannon married Jason whom she had known and loved for three years. They bought a house in Peterborough where they planned to start a family. One month later, Shannon's life was traumatically altered: when she was out of town, attending a teachers'



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Ms. Doe had ample cause for fear as restraining orders were not keeping her safe and the courts continually failed to put her abuser in prison. When presented with the option of the NIVA program she was not able to say goodbye to her friends and loved ones. She left with her daughter, Janet and a few family photos she couldn't bear to shred.

No one in the Does' new life could know of the past. "You have to make up a new past," Ms. Doe said. "It's basically living a lie." The Does have had no contact with anyone from their previous life since. For eight years, Ms. Doe and her daughter lived in limbo, "left to flounder," she said. "The process failed us drastically." Instructions she received were inconsistent, staff were sometimes unsympathetic, delays were routine, and federal-provincial co-operation was weak.

As per the *Change of Name Act* in the Province of Alberta, the Alberta Gazette is to publish any name changes. However, individuals who are forced to change their identity due to safety concerns are exempt from this process. Unfortunately, the Does were not granted the exemption and the Alberta government "made a regrettable error", publishing their old and new names in the Gazette, which turned their new lives and identities upside down as anyone with Internet access could access the information.

Jane found the information years after it was published and was shocked at her finding. Her fears returned as she recalled two attempted break-ins and a man calling their unlisted number at night saying he was in their yard. These incidents all took place before her realization that their information had been published. Jane and her daughter were forced to leave their home yet again.

In March, 2010, more than six months after Ms. Doe informed provincial authorities of the breach, Heather Klimchuk, Minister responsible for Vital Statistics, which committed the error, wrote a letter to the Does expressing her "sincere apologies for the error." The Does have yet to see any compensation, and their lives are still in limbo. Ms. Doe said she met with government officials in March 2010, to discuss compensation and rectification of her renewed identity issues. She also proposed a

conference, police came to her hotel room to ask her to return. Her house was a crime scene and her husband was in custody after confessing to violent sexual assault and kidnapping of two women.

Shannon shares the story of her personal victimization at the hands of her husband and details of her journey toward forgiveness and healing, despite Jason being declared a dangerous offender. To pre-order the book, visit, www.shannonmoroney.com.

"VICTIM CONSIDERATIONS IN CORRECTIONS POLICY" MONCTON, N.B. OCTOBER 17, 2011

The CRCVC is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a FREE breakfast and panel discussion called "Victim Considerations in Corrections Policy" in Moncton, New Brunswick on October 17th, 2011. The discussion will be taking place from 9 am – 12 noon at the Crowne Plaza hotel and will include a free breakfast and networking opportunities.

Panelists include:

- Sue O'Sullivan,
Federal Ombudsman
for Victims of Crime;
- Scott Kenney, Ph.D.,
Memorial University;
- Maurice Hébert,
Regional Victim
Services Manager,





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mediation process, something she said Alberta Conservative MP Rob Anders agreed to facilitate. Service Alberta did not participate, Ms. Doe alleges.

Ms. Doe has insisted that by refusing a mediated approach, Alberta officials forced a legal battle they knew she was not prepared to fight. She alleges that the government is "trying to drag this out," waiting for the two-year statute of limitations to run out on her option to pursue compensation via the courts. Mr. Berezowsky said he does not know when the statute of limitations expires. She has since been forced to file court papers by herself as she has had difficulty finding a lawyer willing to take her case. Jane's hope is not only for financial compensation but that the program is changed to help others that are forced to flee dangerous situations.

MALE SURVIVOR SPEAKS OPENLY OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Lee Ferrill was only two years old when the sexual abuse began. The accused, a teenaged female babysitter denied everything and according to Lee, "it was swept under the rug". His family doctor told his parents they shouldn't worry because there were no physical injuries and because of that, their son would forget what happened.

"He was wrong" says Lee, "I still remember to this day."

His family relocated to Belleville and he soon became the victim again. The abuse continued until he reached thirteen but this time the sexual abuse was different. Two men, acting separately, were abusing Lee. One of the men was a close family friend and the other a neighbour. "It happened several times. It had a very huge impact on my life" says Lee who is now twenty-eight.

He kept all of his emotions inside and everyone believed he was fine. He was the captain of hockey and basketball teams and an honours student with lots of friends. "I was an absolute wreck inside, suffering from anxiety, guilt, shame, addictions," says Lee. Eventually he was on a downward spiral that he could no longer hide and his parents

- CSC; and
- Sylvie Blanchet, Regional Manager of Community Relations and Training, PBC.

Online registration will begin September 8th. Visit: www.crcvc.ca/en/moncton or call 1-877-232-2610. Register early, as space is limited to 100 attendees!

"UNDERSTANDING FAMILIES OF HOMICIDE" OCTOBER 19TH, 2011

Lean on Me and the Hamilton Police Service will be presenting a conference on Understanding Families of Homicide. The conference will include a panel of speakers presenting the Hamilton Model of Supporting Families of Homicide, survivors and their personal reflections, as well as a presentation from acclaimed Psychologist Dr. Lori Triano-Antidormi. Visit www.lean-on.me.org to register and learn more.

"THE ROAD TO RESILIENCY" MARCH 20-22, 2012 Saskatoon, SK

The Saskatchewan Association of Police Affiliated Victim Services Inc. (SAPAVS) will be holding a conference in Saskatoon from March 20-22, 2012.

The conference is intended to provide professionals in the fields of victim services, justice, policing, mental





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intervened.

His parents had "no idea" and immediately arranged to get counselling for Lee. "After suffering in silence for over 20 years, I finally found my voice," Lee says, and he's now giving a voice to thousands of other men like him who have been sexually abused. He talks to them, and acts as their mentor and advocate. He frequently makes presentations to health-care professionals who treat male survivors, and since last fall, has spoken widely on what has been a taboo subject for generations.

"They could see blood in the water when they looked at me," Lee says of his adult abusers. "They saw a vulnerable child who wasn't going to say anything, would keep his mouth shut and they knew I could be manipulated." Lee blamed himself for what was happening because of his earlier experience. "I thought that it was me asking for it ... I was giving out some kind of signal to make these people want to do this to me," he recalls. It wasn't until later, after he received therapy, that he realized how wrong he had been.

"It was never my fault," he says, but that's what most victims of sexual abuse believe.

The sexual abuse of young males is "a dark secret nobody talks about." Lee admits that his story paints "a very ugly picture of our society," but "it's ripping families apart ... and brings men to suicide." Remaining silent only serves the purpose of pedophiles, he warns. "It just enables these sick individuals to continue shattering people's lives."

Currently Lee Ferrill counsels men who have been sexually abused but have yet to seek help to get in touch with the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre in Peterborough

(www.kawarthasexualassaultcentre.com) which offers counseling and support groups for men in Northumberland County, or the Sexual Assault Centre for Quinte and District in Belleville (www.sacqd.com).

REMEMBERING JACK LAYTON, 1951-2011

Jack Layton's contributions to the Canadian socialist ideals of the left will leave a legacy with NDP supporters and citizens across Canada for years to

health, social services, corrections and direct service providers across Saskatchewan and Canada with educational sessions to augment the current knowledge required in their respected fields. Individuals that attend the conference will gather the necessary skills that assist service providers in interacting with victims of crime or traumatic events.

SNAPSHOTS

EDMONTON NAMED HOMICIDE CAPITAL OF CANADA

As of August 4th, Edmonton has had 33 homicides in 2011. This total is higher than the city's number for all of 2010 and is ahead of any other major Canadian community. It is not the first time that Edmonton has held this distinction.

Police argue that the high homicide rate isn't representative, as few of the murders have been random attacks. Over the past decade Edmonton's homicide rate has averaged 3 homicides to every 100,000 citizens. This places the city behind Winnipeg, slightly ahead of Vancouver and double the homicide rate of Toronto. This year Edmonton is on track for 5 homicides per 100,000 citizens.

"There's no discernible pattern to all these



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come. However, for individuals working within the victim community his contributions in the fight against domestic violence will not be forgotten. Jack Layton co-founded the White Ribbon Campaign in 1991 as he felt that men had both a role and responsibility in ending violence against women. He believed that the best way for this to be achieved was through challenging masculinity and promoting gender equality.

Currently, The White Ribbon Campaign is the largest effort of men and boys working towards ending violence towards women and girls. Over 60 countries have adopted The White Ribbon Campaign in hopes of raising awareness and ending gender based violence.

"My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world."

– Jack Layton

EXPERTS OPPOSE CUTS TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING OFFICE

Canada's leading experts on human trafficking are slamming the B.C. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General for quietly slashing the B.C. Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP).

The B.C. government quietly eliminated the position of Executive Director of OCTIP, and is declining to hire staff to cover those on maternity leave – effectively shutting the main office of OCTIP in Victoria. The move leaves OCTIP with only two full-time employees in Vancouver and a meager budget of approximately \$300,000. No reasons for the drastic cuts were given.

B.C. is recognized as a source, destination, and transit province for sex trafficking and forced labour trafficking. Since 2007, OCTIP has coordinated critical assistance to over 100 trafficked persons in the province. The victims include foreign nationals as well as Canadian citizens. OCTIP runs a 24/7 victims support hotline, coordinates victim services, trains front-line responders, and raises public awareness about the crime. The future of these life-saving programs is in doubt.

homicides. We don't have a serial killer on the loose," said Edmonton city Councilor Dave Loken, who sits on the Edmonton Police Commission.

UK VICTIM COMMISSIONER CALLS FOR LAW IN SUPPORT OF FAMILIES OF HOMICIDE

In July, Ms. Louise Casey, the Victim's Commissioner in the United Kingdom, released a report calling for proper treatment and support for families who are bereaved by homicide. Ms. Casey's report, the largest ever survey of bereaved families, included feedback from more than 400 families and calls for a law that will require the criminal justice system to provide money, practical help and support for these families of homicide victims.

Ms. Casey has been quoted saying, "Bereaved families have few rights, no real route of complaint, and they are often given little information and sometimes treated as an inconvenience in a legal game. Now is the time for something concrete to be set out in law – promises are no longer good enough. The system must be leveled up so victims and bereaved families are no longer seen as bystanders or an inconvenience as the wheels of justice turn."

Proposed rights within the new Victims' Law include:





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"Cutting the B.C. Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons without any consultation is not only irresponsible, it's reckless," said Joy Smith, Member of Parliament for Kildonan-St. Paul, whose private member's bill amended the *Criminal Code* to prosecute child traffickers. "Victims of this heinous crime will suffer because of this short-sighted decision, while traffickers will benefit."

"We're calling on Shirley Bond, B.C.'s Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, to not only restore OCTIP, but also to redouble the province's efforts to combat human trafficking," said University of British Columbia Law Professor Benjamin Perrin. "Police and non-governmental organizations combating human trafficking need further support from the province," said Professor Perrin.

VIGILANT PARENTS CAN CURB CYBERBULLYING: CHILD ADVOCATE

World-renowned victim advocate, Parry Aftab, was in Halifax this month to tell Nova Scotia's task force on cyberbullying what's really happening in cyberspace.

"A lot of people give us credit for being better people than we really are," she said in an interview before the presentation. "In the real world, most people won't cheat on their taxes or punch someone in the face because they are afraid of the consequences", she said. "But in cyberspace, there's no one to tell you you've gone too far."

"Online there is a world where many can see what is happening but very few people speak up and say, 'this is wrong'. As parents, 'No' is a very important part of our vocabulary," said Ms. Aftab. Parents pay for their children's cell phones, laptops and service contracts and they need to turn off the features that kids are too young to understand and use responsibly like texting and photo-texting. Ms. Aftab also noted that it is a parent's responsibility to learn how to use these features. There are many online resources available to teach parents how these features work, and to better understand the privacy settings and an individual's digital footprints. Parents can also empower their children to take action when things go wrong and bullies are targeting them.

1. Criminal Practice Direction to ensure families are treated with dignity and respect during court proceedings;
2. The right to information from the Crown Prosecution Service and to meet with the CPS lawyer at key stages of the legal process, including on convictions, acquittal or appeal;
3. The right to sentencing remarks from judges in writing and trial transcripts at a minimal cost to families;
4. The release of a body by the coroner back to a family for burial within 28 days unless exceptional circumstances apply; and
5. Families be provided with an integrated package of help and support following the death and up until any trial and beyond. It is noted that the support package should include a homicide casework that offers help and advice on issues like housing and childcare.

To view the report visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/4356qpu>

MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER IN 1999 SUITCASE KILLING IN ENGLAND



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Ms. Aftab also taught the group simple ways to beat the bullies. "If you're being cyber-bullied . . . your first stop, don't respond," said Wayne MacKay, a Dalhousie University law professor, "Block the sender and tell some trusted adult to do something about it."

"Simple things like that are important, because while the task force is doing its work and while the government is hopefully implementing whatever we come up with, there are still people who are going to be injured and damaged online."

Parry Aftab is the founder of www.wiredsafety.com and www.stopcyberbullying.org.

YOUNG MOTHER ONLY WANTED TO LIVE A FREE WOMAN

A young mother, Shaher Bano Shahdady, 21, just wanted to live her Canadian life as a free woman. For that reason, it is suspected that she was strangled to death in front of her toddler. Originally from the Baloch region of Pakistan she came to Toronto as a little girl. At the age of 14 she was sent back to Pakistan by her father to study at a religious fundamentalist school. A few years later she was pushed into an arranged marriage with her first cousin.

When Shahdady became pregnant there were complications, which allowed her to return to Toronto for care. Her son was born with a heart defect that required a transplant, which allowed her to extend her stay in Toronto indefinitely. She lived under strict rules at her family's Scarborough home but managed to escape to the outside world through resources like Facebook where she chatted with friends and maintained an entertainment webpage.

Shahdady began to rebel against tradition and no longer wanted to wear the burka that covered her face and body. Instead she chose to don a hijab. She registered at the adult learning school and began to work towards achieving her high school diploma. She dreamed of becoming a doctor and watching her friends finish college or university motivated her to want to live an independent life.

British police have announced that 42-year old Yousseff Ahmen Wahid has been convicted of murder in the death of a Canadian woman whose body was stuffed in a suitcase at Heathrow airport twelve years ago.

The victim, Ms. Kama, was born and raised in Morocco but moved to Canada with her family nine years before her death. She worked as a singer at weddings and private functions for about eight months in Lebanon and was on her way home to Montreal to visit her family.

Mr. Wahid, a former Kuwait Airways flight attendant, was arrested within days of the murder but denied having any involvement. Immediately after his release from police custody he went on the run and remained at large for 11 years. The police finally tracked him to Bahrain last year and was extradited back to the U.K.

Detective chief inspector John MacFarlane has said that Mr. Wahid still "refused to face up to what he is done." Det. MacFarlane is, "pleased that the family finally has justice." Officials have said the motive for the murder may have been theft of Ms. Kama's money and jewelry.

FORMER NUNAVUT PRIEST FACES 3 NEW SEX CHARGES





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In May, she had to sponsor her husband to Canada. He wanted her to wear the traditional burka, stay away from Facebook and put away any plans to further her formal education. "She rebelled," explains Tarek Fatah, founder of the Muslim Canadian Congress. "With the help of social services, she got an apartment for herself and her son. She was leaving her husband and asking for a divorce. How dare she? It would dishonour everyone." She and her son moved out July 1. After just three weeks of freedom, she was dead.

On July 22, Shahdady's distraught father discovered his 2-year-old grandson alone in the apartment with his daughter's dead body. She had been strangled on her bed.

Her estranged husband Abdul Malik Rustam, 27, turned himself in to police the next morning and has been charged with first-degree murder.

"Absolutely, it was an honour killing," contends Fatah. "This is the fundamental issue here that no one wants to address. Nobody wants to tell Muslim men that women are not their possessions. It's about women's sexuality and men who say they own the franchise to it."

"This was clearly an honour killing," the American Friends of Balochistan said in a statement. "No woman deserves to die in the way Shaher Bano Shahdady died."

A Roman Catholic priest, Eric Dejaeger, 64, who has been accused of decades-old sex crimes against children in Nunavut, is now facing three additional indecent assault charges. These are in addition to the 30 charges that have been already filed. The crimes are alleged to have taken place between 1978 and 1982 and most are of a sexual nature. The acts are said to have taken place in Igloolik, Nunavut where Dejaeger worked as a missionary.

Dejaeger pled guilty in 1990 to nine assaults against boys and girls in Baker Lake and was sentenced to five years in prison. By the time the Igloolik charges were issued in 2002, Dejaeger was living in Belgium, his country of birth. He was placed on Interpol's list of wanted fugitives.

Dejaeger was returned to Canada in January to face charges because it was determined that he had given up his Belgium citizenship in 1977 when he became a Canadian citizen.

Dejaeger will stay in custody in Iqaluit until his preliminary hearing is held in February.

