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TORONTO VAN ATTACK; TOXIC MASCULINITY AND ISSUES OF IDENTITY AND RAGE THAT LEAD MEN TOWARDS VIOLENCE

In the wake on the Toronto van attack on April 23rd, where 8 women and 2 men were killed and 14 others seriously injured, some media has attempted to address the issue of men's violence against women. A writer from The Guardian, Gary Younge said, the atrocity "gives us yet another chance to reflect on the destructive capacity of masculinity – not least because it may have been the principal motive for this attack. Alek Minassian is not known to have any strong religious affiliations. But according to his Facebook feed, he identified with devotees of "incel" (short for "involuntarily celibate"), which is for straight men who "can't have sex despite wanting to" and splits the world into Stacy's (attractive women who won't sleep with them) and Chads (men who are sexually successful)."

Minassian's last Facebook post read: "The Incel

QUICK LINKS

Visit our [website](#) to access our new live chat service. A trained CRCVC staff member will be happy to help.

Swedish man found guilty of 'online' rape has convictions upgraded. Read the whole story [here](#).

'Missing a Voice' – Victims, advocates urge Liberals to name new ombudsman. Find the full article [here](#).

Mosque-shooting survivors urge judge not to be lenient with Bissonnette. Read about it [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jackson Katz to speak at Western University

Come out for an evening with Jackson Katz speaking on "The Role of Educators and Parents in Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls".

When: May 30, 2018 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Althouse, Faculty of Education Auditorium, University of Western Ontario, 1137 Western Road, London ON N6G 1G7

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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Rebellion has already begun! We will overthrow all the Chads and Stacys! All hail the Supreme Gentleman Elliot Rodger!”

In 2014, 22-year-old Rodger wrote a screed against, among other things, women and couples (particularly inter-racial couples), before [killing seven people](#), including himself, and injuring 14 in Isla Vista, California. “I don’t know why you girls aren’t attracted to me but I will punish you all for it,” Rodger stated in a video uploaded before the rampage. “It’s an injustice, a crime because ... I’m the perfect guy and yet you throw yourselves at all these obnoxious men instead of me, the supreme gentleman.”

These men feel a deep sense of grievance. While most people avoid association with failure, these men are attracted to it. Their inadequacy is central both to their identity and their rage. They are not the men they want or need to be; they do not have the status they feel was their birthright. This is the fault of others and somebody, anybody, must therefore pay.

While the desire to dominate and the embrace of failure may appear contradictory, they are in fact part of the same pathology. The rage stems from the fact that the very thing they feel entitled to – women’s bodies, women’s lives, women’s obeisance – is not available to them. They hate the thing they cannot have. And of course they hate themselves for their inability to get it.

Younge also says, “If ever there was an illustration of how a system of patriarchy demeans and depletes us all, this is it. Unable to take advantage of the male privileges they believe they are owed, they feel inadequate and grow resentful, and a handful become violent. Often awkward, shy and unconfident, they cannot meet the standards of machismo that patriarchy demands. They think feminism will destroy them. But in fact it is their greatest chance of liberation, since the less women are forced to conform to preconceived notions of femininity, the more space there is within masculinity for them to be themselves. As such, they are not only the perpetrators of misogyny but the products and, ultimately, the victims of it.”

Importantly, [CBC radio also hosted a discussion](#) with Francine Pelletier, a journalist and one of the

When: May 11th, 2018
Where: 100 Street North
Battleford, SK
Click [here](#) to register or find more information [here](#).

Interpersonal Violence Symposium

Join experts in the field of victims of violence for a 2-day conference.

When: May 24th – May 25th, 2018

Where: Montreal University
Click [here](#) to register or find more information [here](#).

2018 International Courthouse Dogs Conference

A 2-day conference all about professionally trained service dogs, and their handlers and many subjects in relation to them.

When: September 27-28th
Pre-Conference workshops on Wednesday, Sept. 26th

Where: Hyatt Regency
Bellevue - 900 Bellevue Way
NE, Bellevue, WA
98004

Registration will open mid-May, and further details will become available on our [Facebook Page](#) as they get released.

It’s Within Relationships that I Will Heal: Supporting the journey of kids and youth who have experienced relational trauma

A webinar for anyone who has experienced childhood trauma from a trusted individual or knows somebody who has.

When: May 23rd, 2018





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prominent Quebec feminists whom Lepine had named as one of his targets, and Julie Lalonde, a public educator about women's rights, about society's reluctance to talk about men's violence against women.

While the trial process will no doubt shed more light on the killer's motives and ideology, we mourn the lives lost and will always remember:

Beutis Renuka Amarasingha, 45, of Toronto
Andrea Bradden, 33, of Woodbridge
Geraldine Brady, 83, of Toronto
So He Chung, 22, of Toronto
Anne Marie D'Amico, 30, of Toronto
Mary Elizabeth Forsyth, 94, of Toronto
Ji Hun Kim, 22, was a student in Toronto
Dorothy Sewell, 80, of Toronto
Chul Min Kang, 45, of Toronto
Munir Abdo Habib Najjar, 85, of Toronto

A city and nation are coming together to stand in solidarity with the victims. Some have observed the city feels like a real community since the tragedy: united, caring, and strong. As Marcus Gee of the *Globe and Mail* remarked, "from the moment of the attack, people began responding to this act of evil with acts of good. They rushed onto the street to help the fallen. They raised money to help the victims and families. They gave blood. They made their way to Yonge Street to leave flowers at that instant memorial wall. One local man ran out to buy cardboard sheets and markers so visitors could leave messages, too. These gestures of love and goodwill are helping to wash away the taint of that afternoon."

The Ontario Psychological Association has mobilized numerous psychologists in #Toronto to provide free or low cost services to those affected by the recent attack. They will continue to update [@ONTHealth](#) about available providers. Please contact OPA@psych.on.ca for details.

What's Up Walk-In provides free mental health counselling, with no appointment or health card necessary: information on their six Toronto locations can be found at whatsupwalkin.ca.

Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

Victims and Survivors of Crime Week

This year's theme is "Transforming the Culture Together".

When: May 27th – June 2nd, 2018

A federal symposium will be held in the National Capital Region on Monday, May 28, 2018. [Register here](#).

International Justice and Victims' Rights Summer School

A bilingual course led by several internationally renowned experts in the fields of criminology and law.

When: June 4th – June 9th, 2018

Where: Université de Montréal

Click [here](#) for more information, or [here](#) to register.

16th Asian Postgraduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice (APGC)

When: June 4th – 14th, 2018

Where: City University of Hong Kong

Deadline for registration is May 1st. Click [here](#) to register.

16th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology

Victims and Victimization: Moving Towards an International Victimology

When: June 10th – 14th, 2018

Where: Hong Kong

Deadline for early-bird





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Can you help?

You can visit blood.ca to find the nearest clinic to donate blood. Canadian Blood Services said it is "closely monitoring the response effort in Toronto to ensure patients affected by the collision receive blood and blood products as needed." Both [Sunnybrook hospital](#) and [North York General](#) are treating victims. Both hospitals take donations.

A [fundraiser](#) setup by Canada Zakat is partnering with Toronto Foundation. This means that all funds raised via this GoFundMe campaign will be transferred over to #TorontoStrong Fund. Funds raised will be used towards funeral expenses of the victims, as well as to provide other support to the victims' families, survivors & first responders.

Do you have information?

The Toronto Police have created a hotline for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them at 416-808-8750. A web portal has also been created for people to [submit photos and videos](#).

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN INQUIRY MOVES FORWARD WITH TRUTH GATHERING PROCESS

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls will hold two Institutional Hearings (part II) and two Expert Panel Hearings (part III) in May and June 2018. The subjects the Chief Commissioner and Commissioners will focus on will include human rights, government services, racism, and policing.

The multi-day hearings, delivered through in-person meetings, will include the participation of Parties with Standing and will be open and accessible to the public. The hearing dates and locations include:

- May 14 – 17, 2018: Expert Hearing on Human Rights Framework, Quebec City, QC
- May 28 – June 1, 2018: Institutional Hearing on Government Services, location to be announced
- June 12 – 14, 2018: Expert Hearing on Racism, Greater Toronto area, ON
- June 25 – 29, 2018: Institutional Hearing on

registration is March 31st. Regular registration is from April 1st to June 9th. Click [here](#) to register.

Shelters of the Future: A National Conversation

Hosted by Women's Shelters Canada, this will be a unique opportunity for shelter and transition house (TH) workers to share and learn from their peers.

When: June 13th – 15th, 2018

Where: Ottawa, Ontario

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

North American Post Graduate Course on Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice

When: July 29th – Aug 5th, 2018

Where: Stockton University, New Jersey

Click [here](#) to register and for more information click [here](#).

National Organization for Victim Assistance 44th Annual Training Event

When: August 20th-23rd, 2018

Where: Jacksonville, Florida
Keep an eye on the [NOVA website](#) for event hotel reservation information and registration options coming soon.

SNAPSHOTS

Victim says she's 'not the same person' after vicious sexual assault in Alberta

During September 2016, a 25-year old woman's life





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Police Policies and Practices, Regina, SK

In order to move forward with the Truth Gathering Process, the National Inquiry closed registration on April 20th for family members and survivors participating in Community Hearings and Statement Gatherings (Part I). To date, over 1,200 family members and survivors have imparted their truths to the National Inquiry through 15 Community Hearings and 8 Statement Gathering events across the country.

There are approximately 500 family members and survivors that are registered and still need to share their truths. The National Inquiry is working hard to get to everyone who registered.

The Commissioners will continue to work toward meeting the November 2018 final report deadline, as they have not heard anything from the federal government regarding the two-year extension that was submitted last month. Complete hearing details will be shared in the coming weeks as witness lists and schedules are finalized.

The MMIW Inquiry also announced this month the appointments of Jennifer Moore Rattray as Executive Director and Dr. Karine Duhamel as Director of Research.

CANADA FAILED REFUGEE VICTIM OF ALLEGED SERIAL KILLER BRUCE McARTHUR

The Sri Lankan family of Bruce McArthur's latest alleged victim did not report him missing because they thought he was in hiding after the Canadian government rejected his refugee application. Kirushna Kumar Kanagaratnam, 37, came to Canada in 2010 as one of 492 Sri Lankans seeking asylum aboard the MV Sun Sea.

McArthur, 66, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of Kanagaratnam this month. The alleged serial killer is already facing first-degree murder charges in connection with the deaths of seven other men, all of whom, had ties to Toronto's Gay Village.

In an emotional interview in Tamil, Kanagaratnam's

changed drastically. As this woman was walking to work one morning, she was struck from behind with a metal pipe. She was then dragged into an alley where she was sexually assaulted.

She was beaten so badly that she had to learn how to walk again. Her head received multiple skull fractures and broken facial bones.

When he was finished, the offender left her partially naked and stuffed into a garbage can. She was left with life threatening injuries, put into induced coma for weeks, and has contracted a sexually transmitted disease.

There are times she wishes that she had been "finished off," and she says that she is "not the same person anymore." However, at times as low as this, she remembers that she is strong and that she will not give that power to her offender.

This woman is more alive than ever, and this man has not taken her will to live away from her. She is a survivor. Crown prosecutor Erin Olsen is calling for the court to issue a 20-year sentence on the accused.

Read the full story [here](#).

Emergency shelter upgrades will soon benefit victims of domestic violence in Saskatchewan

The Government of Canada, the Province of



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mother and cousin told CBC Toronto the family has been reeling from the news since a cousin in the Greater Toronto Area phoned to tell them of Kanagaratnam's death. "We've been looking for him for two years," said Suthakaran Thanigasalam, Kanagaratnam's cousin. "We need to know what happened to him. Why did it happen? We need to know when he died."

In December, a family member wrote a Facebook post looking for Kanagaratnam who they said was living in Canada. Det.-Sgt. Hank Idsinga confirmed police have seen the post. But he would not comment on what police think happened to Kanagaratnam, only that investigators have evidence linking him to Toronto as late as 2014. Police previously released a photo of Kanagaratnam, deceased, a move Idsinga described as a "last resort" to figure out who he was.

Thanigasalam, and Kanagaratnam's mother, Santhanaladchumy, say the family knew he was in Toronto and last spoke to him in late August 2015. Kanagaratnam used to phone daily, but then the calls stopped coming and when they tried to call him his phone wasn't working.

At a recent news conference, Idsinga said he believes Kanagaratnam was killed between early September and mid-December 2015. Police said Kanagaratnam's remains were found in a garden planter at a home on Mallory Crescent, in northeast Toronto, where McArthur worked as a landscaper.

Sadly, Thanigasalam said the family never tried to file a missing person's report because they were scared Kanagaratnam would be caught by the Canadian government and sent back to Sri Lanka.

Members of the Migrant Workers Alliance for Change, Workers Action Centre and the Caregivers' Action Centre imagine what might have been different for McArthur's latest alleged victim if the Canadian government granted permanent resident status more readily. Syed Hussan, coordinator of the Migrant Workers Alliance for Change, "Every step of the way, Canadian law, Canadian society and the government failed him," Hussan said. He believes the problem was a result of current immigration rules that were created by Liberal and Conservative governments over the years and allow for a precarious temporary status.

Saskatchewan, and Meadow Lake Tribal Council are working together to rebuild Waskoosis Safe Shelter (Waskoosis), a six-bedroom facility, to ensure the safety and security of women and children fleeing domestic violence.

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are jointly contributing over \$1.2 million to the shelter, which upon completion, will be wheelchair-accessible, have office and programming space, and additional security precautions. An additional \$99,000 is being contributed to the project through Service Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

Meadow Lake Tribal Council has been operating Waskoosis Safe Shelter since 1992—among many other services such as primary care, community development, domestic violence outreach and family support. Waskoosis offers emergency shelter to up to 21 women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Coalition Calls for Quebec to Abolish Time Limits on Civil Sexual Assault Cases

Lawyers, opposition parties, and survivors of sexual assault are uniting together to abolish the time limit for victims to take their offenders to court.

In Quebec, there used to be a time limit called the prescription period, in which a





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The result, he explains, is "vulnerability on top of vulnerability, that's neither moral nor just. I don't think that's the society any of us want to live in." Hussan listed a number of sectors he believed are affected by instability, including farm workers, caregivers, other refugee claimants and international students. Most of these, he said, come through the temporary foreign workers program, which according to the government website, "Allows Canadian employers to hire foreign nationals to fill temporary labour and skill shortages when qualified Canadian citizens or permanent residents are not available."

'Exploitation' built into immigration system

Anna Malla of the Caregivers Action Centre asserts many temporary foreign workers are afraid to ask for help because they don't believe they have the same access to social services as permanent residents. With the temporary "immigration system there's exploitation built into that," she said.

At the Workers Action Centre, Deena Ladd said: "Canada has moved to a system of less and less folks being able to come into Canada with status and the ability to have citizenship and moving into supporting themselves and their family in the way that they would love to." There's a harsh lesson in Kanagaratnam's death, she said. "What workers need is the ability to come to this country with dignity and respect and get status and not be held in limbo."

VICTIMS GRANT MAY BE MISSING PARENTS IN NEED DUE TO ELIGIBILITY RULES: REPORT

A federal grant for parents of murdered and abducted children may be inadvertently failing to provide important financial help to those who are "more vulnerable economically," says a newly released report that illustrates the government's thinking on how to eliminate barriers to the program.

Since its launch in 2013, the program has spent less than one per cent of its annual \$10-million budget on grants, which the evaluation chalks up to a variety of issues, including strict eligibility criteria.

victim of sexual assault must begin legal proceedings against their perpetrator. The period was only 3 years.

In 2013 the period was extended to 30 years, but this is still not long enough. Last December Quebec's ombudsman Marie Rinfret called for the time limit to be abolished saying, "If there is one field where the time factor should be abolished, it is in this specific context, where suffering extends over time and often freezes the ability to bounce back."

New Study Exploring the Extent of Brain Injuries in Victims of Domestic Violence in Vancouver

Though in recent years medical science has been uncovering the damaging effects of traumatic brain injury for professional athletes and the military, a UBC researcher is now gathering data on head trauma in a much-less-highlighted group: survivors of domestic violence in Canada.

Read more about it [here](#).

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: Experiences of Sexual Assault Victims Who Report to The Police

Researchers at Trinity College, in Dublin, Ireland are conducting a study on the experience victims have with police when they report a sexual assault and/or rape.

To participate, you must be





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At the same time, administrative costs during the four-year-period covered by the review totalled more than \$2.8 million — about nine times the \$315,350 in grants handed out over the same period.

The program aims to provide up to \$12,250 to parents whose children have been killed or have gone missing as a result of a probable criminal offence in Canada. Victims must be under 18, parents neither working nor receiving employment insurance benefits, and the offence less than a year old. The government also limits payments under the program to within one year of the incident and requires parents to have earned at least \$6,500 in the preceding 12 months.

Police, government and victims services officials interviewed for [the federal evaluation made public this month](#) argued for dropping the minimum earnings requirement, raising the age limits for children and making funding available for up to three years after an incident.

The strict eligibility criteria, coupled with a lack of public awareness about the grant, have hindered uptake, particularly for Indigenous families that are at greater risk and have lower incomes, the evaluation says.

A government source with knowledge of the file said the Liberals are looking at changing all the criteria flagged in the evaluation. The Liberals had promised over the summer to make changes to the program, but have yet to act.

Between 2013 and 2017, only 29 of 50 applicants received the grant. Recipients were mostly female, 35 to 44 years old and lived in urban areas mainly in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. A slight majority were part of a couple.

Rejected applicants, on the other hand, tended to be single and unemployed people who earned less income during the year before the incident than those that received the money, according to the evaluation. The reports' authors' caution against drawing any hard conclusions from the numbers, given how few parents have applied for and received the grant since it launched in January 2013.

The federal evaluation is the latest in a string of

over the age of 18, and the sexual assault and/or rape must have occurred while you were also over the age of 18.

The survey is all done online and can be completed [here](#).

Toronto Police Establish Committee to Review how Missing Persons Cases are Handled

The TPS Board has named several individuals to sit on a new committee, which will review how missing persons cases are handled. The committee comes in the wake of the Bruce McArthur case.

The committee will consist of, police board member Ken Jeffers; Sara Mainville, a lawyer; Monica Forrester, the engagement co-ordinator for Maggie's Toronto Sex Workers Action Project; and Shakir Rahim, a board member with the Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP).

This committee will focus on how police handle missing persons cases as a whole. This will include an examination of the impact of implicit bias, including around race or sexual orientation, might have on how officers investigate missing persons cases.

CRCVC Board member wins AWARD OF DISTINCTION





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critical reports on the program created by the previous Conservative government, which estimated annual funding of \$10 million would help 1,000 families each year. But the evaluation questions whether that figure would ever be met, “considering that the incidence of murdered and missing children cases is low in Canada.”

Three-quarters of missing children are runaways, the report says, and most are cleared within one week. A second study cited in the report found on average four cases of child abductions over a 40-year period. And Statistics Canada data cited in the evaluation has shown between 40 and 60 children were victims of homicide in Canada in the last 10 years.

The report says the program is unlikely to achieve “significant economy of scale” because the grant can “only provide support to a limited number of individuals” and some fixed costs to run the program may remain high relative to the funding given to parents.

Annual spending on administering the fund has seen a steep decline since 2013 when there was “significant investment that was made in start-up activities,” including a computer system to process applications and payments. In 2013, administrative costs totalled almost \$1.4 million; by 2017, that figure was \$191,112.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES BILL C-75 TO TACKLE JUSTICE SYSTEM DELAYS AND ADDRESS INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

In the summer of 2016, the Supreme Court delivered an unequivocal call to action. It called on all criminal justice system actors to undertake real, transformative change. It called for an end to the “culture of complacency” plaguing our courts. Bill C-75 is the Trudeau government’s response to that challenge.

Bill C-75’s most extensive reforms are focused on the bail system. Bill C-75 will improve the bail system in several ways. It will direct the police and judiciary to follow a “principle of restraint,” instead of imposing



Congratulations to our Board member, Carolyn Solomon, who recently won the Attorney General’s Victim Services Award of Distinction for her advocacy since her son Kevin’s murder in 1997. Carolyn has been a long-time Board member for CRCVC, as well as serving as a member and the Chair of the Victims Advisory Committee to Correctional Services Canada and Parole Board of Canada, Ontario/Nunavut region for 10 years.

Manitoba launches new resource

YOU HAVE OPTIONS: HELP AFTER SEXUAL ASSAULT

The government of Manitoba has released a resource for victims of sexual assault across the province. This resource acts as a guide for defining what sexual assault is, knowing your rights as a survivor of sexual assault, the process if you wish to report and the options available to





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burdensome conditions that set the accused up for failure without improving public safety. It will also require the court to consider the circumstances of accused from vulnerable, marginalized and Indigenous populations, and to ensure that any conditions imposed are necessary for public safety and the administration of justice.

At present, the only option for the police – other than ignoring the breach – is to lay a fresh criminal charge against those who violate bail conditions. Bill C-75 will empower the court in those cases to issue a warning, vary the bail conditions or revoke bail. This new tool will result in many fewer such cases in the system.

Bill C-75 also seeks to address intimate partner violence. Repeat offenders will find it more difficult to obtain bail and face higher penalties on conviction. In bail court, for example, a reverse onus would be put on repeat abusers to prove why they should be released – rather than on the Crown to make a case for keeping them locked up.

Another significant proposal is to modernize the language of the *Criminal Code*. The more inclusive “intimate partner” would replace “spouse” and “common-law partner,” and the definition would be broadened to include past partners. According to Statistics Canada, between 2005 and 2011, more than half (54 per cent) of all domestic-violence court cases involved violence between dating partners. Spousal violence accounted for 46 per cent. The violence in almost one quarter of cases occurred after a breakup.

“There has been a tendency to minimize [dating] violence in the past, because people aren’t cohabiting – they’re not trapped by mortgage payments and children and locks on the door,” Prof. Peter Jaffe of University of Western Ontario said. The update sends a “profound signal” that these are equally serious crimes.

The bill also proposes increasing the maximum penalty for repeat domestic abusers, and would clarify that sentencing provisions aimed at making intimate-partner violence an aggravating factor applies to both current and former partners. It also proposes to recognize strangulation as an elevated assault, alongside assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm.

do so, and counselling and support for healing.

The guide tries to explain what sexual assault is in clear, simple terms. It includes that someone should not feel pressured, coerced, or not understand what is being agreed to because they are high or drunk, or unconscious. It is very important for a victim to understand that it doesn’t matter what they were wearing, if there was alcohol involved, or if they invited the offender to their home; is not their fault. There is nothing that a victim says or does that warrants them to be sexually assaulted.

In terms of a victim’s rights after a sexual assault, they have the right to receive information and support, which can be provided by Manitoba Justice Victims Service workers located throughout the province. This resource also provides an explanation of how the process will generally go if a victim were to report the crime to police; whether it is in person or over the phone.

There is a lot of information about what to expect when reporting to the police; a number of safety planning tips, as well as information about physical wellbeing and mental wellness. Check out this comprehensive new resource [here](#).

[SPOTLIGHT ON](#)





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RESEARCH

Prof. Jaffe said strangulation is a risk factor for escalating violence – citing a 2008 study out of the United States that found women who are victims of choking as a form of violence are four times more likely to be killed. Research has shown that many femicide cases are the result of escalating, long-term violence, with the vast majority being “predictable and preventable,” Prof. Jaffe said.

“Criminal-law reform alone cannot protect women – it is too little, too late,” said Prof. Sheehy, from University of Ottawa. “We need police and parole officers who take this form of violence seriously and enforce the criminal law we already have. We need family lawyers and courts who are prepared to ‘see’ and respond to this violence in their custody and access decisions.” She also hopes to see more investments in counselling and support services – “as well as in women’s social, economic and political equality, in order to make a dent in the structural inequalities that keep women from safe exit and freedom from violence.” If you wish to review the Bill, it can be found [here](#).

CRCVC LAUNCHES NEW DROP-IN SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR LOSS TO VIOLENCE



“I Think It’s Re-Victimizing Victims Almost Every Time”: Police Perceptions of Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Violence

Researchers from Carleton University looked into how police perceive the criminal justice system when it comes to victims of sexual assault. The researchers used data from 70 semi-structured interviews and two focus groups with sex crime investigators to explore police interpretations of the obstacles to achieving justice in cases of sexual violence.

Read the abstract and methodology [here](#). You can [email us](#) for access to the full article.



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Funded as part of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week 2018, the CRCVC is pleased to announce a monthly "LOSS TO VIOLENCE" drop-in support group. This group is open to family members of homicide victims. It launches May 30th from 7-9pm at our offices. Please RSVP if you will join us.

Feel free to check out our [Facebook page](#) to keep updated and for more information.

