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Our thoughts are with those affected by the accident at Westboro Station, in Ottawa, ON, on January 11th. For anyone needing to talk with someone, [the Ottawa Distress Centre](#) is available for 24/7 hour support at 613-238-3311 .

"HUNCH" OR "SPIDEY SENSE": STREET CHECKS REVIEW

After an extensive 11 month review, Justice Michael Tulloch, an Ontario Court of Appeal judge, found carding has little to no value as a policing tool. Justice Tulloch and his team's findings made a clear distinction between valuable street checks and valueless and harmful random "carding". In their [310-page report](#), more than 2,200 people, including representatives from 34 police services were consulted: " In order to maintain safety, there must be community and police co-operation". The report is meant to find the effectiveness of new regulations meant to limit the impact of street checks on racialized group.

Among Justice Tulloch's recommendations in the report findings, he advised the government to tighten definitions of terms such as "identifying information", face-to-face encounter in which a person is asked to identify themselves or to provide information for the purpose of identifying themselves, whether or not the

QUICK LINKS

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CRCVC's chat and text support for victims of crime who are wishing to access information as well as emotional support.

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Brock University cancels course that was expected to be taught by professor disciplined for sexual harassment [Learn more.](#)

[Nova Scotia:](#) A 17-year-old girl escapes after a severe gang attack.

How a killer sex attacker deemed a threat to society



information is actually collected, and "suspicious circumstances", which current regulation does not define. In the report, it is recommended to adopt the following definition: a situation where, under all of the circumstances, there are objectives, credible grounds to request identifying information. Police officers should be directed and trained that they may inquire into "suspicious activities", and broadening protections during vehicle stops. Currently, street checks have value in cases where there are clear suspicious circumstances, or when police are looking for a missing person or crime victim.

Justice Tulloch advises for the creation of a new police college to standardize practices among officers, and to see police services automatically destroy any data collected by a random check after five years. "The negative impact of random carding, particularly on Indigenous, black and other racialized communities, combined with the limited evidence that it is an effective police tool, brings me to only one logical conclusion, and that is that random carding should end." [Read more here.](#)

NEW HALIFAX COURT AIMS TO HELP MOVE COURT PROCESS TO ENCOURAGE HEALING AND TREATMENT

A new court in Nova Scotia managed by Judge Amy Sakalauskas, looks to help families through the long process of confronting domestic violence. This would be done by providing support and tools for healing early in the court process. This follows a [four-year pilot](#) project in Sydney, Nova Scotia (now a permanent court) that has handled more than 300 cases since its launch. In Nova Scotia, female victims of intimate [partner abuse increased](#) nearly eight per cent to 1,913 in 2016 from 1,778 in 2015.

The goal is that instead of waiting months or years for a conclusion to trials, the accused abuser could start counselling after accepting responsibility of their acts (ex: guilty plea). Abusers are thoroughly assessed, and given education and therapy that could last five to 25 weeks. The counselling offered does not change the outcome of the trial itself. The new domestic violence court will offer supports to victims whom experienced violence and gives them a chance to weigh in on what

was [granted parole](#) anyway.

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) will lead the [2019 Ottawa Women's March](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indigenous Human Trafficking Awareness Day

On **Feb 22nd, 2019**, ACTION (Anti-Violence & Coercion Taskforce for Indigenous Organizations & Networks) will be hosting a day-long event in Ottawa for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people, as well as, service providers. This event will bring together Indigenous Culture & expertise, lived experiences, community organizing, and resources in a meaningful way. We invite you to participate and join us for a day of sharing, learning, support, music, and food. **To register** for the event please click [here](#).

Space is limited, please RSVP before February 19th, 2019

9th Annual Memorial March for MMIWG2S

Collaboration between the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Indigenous Survivors of Child Welfare Network (ISCWN), and Families of Sisters in Spirit (FSIS).

When: Feb. 14th, 2019

Time & Place: 6pm outdoor march (Begins at MNO office, 214 Montreal Rd.)// 7pm: indoor snacks/warming/info fair (Inside MNO office, 400-



they want to see happen early on.

For the counselling to happen, the accused must agree to participate in the process. When they accept, referrals to the program come from criminal charges related to domestic violence, through legal aid, public prosecution, police and community organizations familiar with these types of case. As abuse is often followed with mental health, addictions or similar issues, the new court has ushered in [community-based groups](#) that can help address the problems and assist with long-term change once the court-ordered program wraps up.

NOVA SCOTIA: RESHAPING SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

In 2017, according to the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, females are around three times more likely than men to be victimized of domestic violence. Specifically, women from marginalized communities face even more challenges due to the intersections of their gender and marginalization.

In response, the Nova Scotia government, Mi'kmaw Legal Support and the Elizabeth Fry Society have developed the [Creating Communities of Care Initiative](#) that aims to reshape services available for survivors of gender based violence and their families. This new initiative is trying to make domestic violence court programs more culturally responsive. Specifically, this program is targeting survivors from underrepresented communities. As Shannon Kerr from the Advisory Council on the Status of Women explains, "our focus will be developing new, culturally grounded models of practice to connect with and support women from the urban Indigenous and African Nova Scotian communities".

Working closely with the Halifax Domestic Violence Court Program, individuals who are part of this program will be able to access the services from this new initiative. It is important to note that all services will follow customary law of these communities. Customary law includes "customs, practices and beliefs that are accepted as obligatory rules of conduct

214 Montreal Rd.)
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kristeng@metisnation.org.

Ottawa Monthly Drop-in Support Group for "Loss to Violence"

The drop-in support group will return in December for family members of homicide victims. This group addresses a gap in the community and offers a place for peers to support each other in healing. Please "like" the CRCVC on our [Facebook page](#) or email crcvc@crcvc.ca in order to keep updated about the time/location of the gathering, as it is subject to change. We welcome all family and loved ones to join us!

When: February 2019

Time: 7:15pm-9:15pm

Where: TBD

Saskatchewan Association of Police Affiliated Victim Services (SAPAVS) "Tell Us Your Story" Conference

About: Presentations and discussions provided by speakers from across North America to raise awareness on how crime can impact individuals, families and communities.

When: March 6th-8th 2019

Where: Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre. 2002 Airport Drive. Saskatoon, SK S7L 6M4

Cost: \$250-\$375

[Register here.](#)

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by Indigenous peoples and local communities”.

Using a hands-on approach, the next three months will be focused on developing and implementing a plan that incorporates the services and supports for victims and their families. Direct feedback from survivors that live in these communities and who follow customary law along with Afrocentric approaches, will be consulted while creating these services. Other collaborations with the Nova Scotia government will also be created in the near future to further the advocacy against domestic violence.

HUNTING A PREDATOR: ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AT A RISING HIGH

In 2017, after pleading guilty to charges, Rodney Barras was sent to jail for the possession of child pornography and communicating online with someone he believed was a child, in hopes of obtaining sexual favors. In reality, the young girl named Aurora, was actually an undercover male officer.

Unfortunately, according to a former Regina officer, this type of case is ["absolutely textbook"](#) on how online predators work. In most cases, these sex offenders approach children by making them think they are friends in order to obtain their trust. As such, it facilitates a grooming process where the child no longer sees the individual as a stranger. Within the past decade, child pornography offences have increased by [more than 200%](#). According to Signy Arnason, associate director of the Winnipeg-based Canadian Centre for Child Protection, this magnitude demonstrates the facility offenders have in recording and uploading child pornography videos online.

With the emergence of social media, it has become difficult for parents to monitor their child's online activity. Curtis Kemp, who used to conduct investigations on sexual exploitation for the Regina Police, explains that these individuals are extremely patient. Various media platforms offer offenders an advantageous environment to communicate with children. He suggests that parents obtain 100% access of their child's online accounts, in order to reduce the risk for these types of incidents.

In response, numerous police forces are implementing

Violence on Families of Victims

In the past few years, firearms have become a rising issue within Canada. In fact, according to Statistics Canada, there was a total of [266 people](#) killed by a firearm in 2017. Unfortunately, this was the fourth consecutive year of an annual increase in firearm homicides.

Dr. Bernard Lawless, a trauma surgeon explains that helping families process that their loved one has been shot can be very difficult. He states, "at the end of the day, you know, we're human, and you can't divorce yourself from seeing the impact it has on patients and families". Lawless believes that creating [public education programs](#) about gun violence, could be the first step to fighting this issue.

It appears that trauma surgeons also play an important role in advocating for a public health perspective regarding gun violence. We are hopeful that new initiatives will be created to reduce gun violence.

Lynn Kalmbrig's Homicide

On August 2011 in Penticton B.C, Lynn Kalmring (55-years old) was shot by her common-law spouse Keith Wiens (56-years old). Wiens was a retired RCMP officer who was sentenced to life in prison for second-degree murder. Even though, he claims that this was an act of



[new approaches](#) in hopes of fighting this significant increase of online exploitation of children. Specifically, the Internet Exploitation Unit in Saskatchewan has more than doubled in the past 5 years. Similarly, other police forces go undercover and pose as young girls in order to attract individuals who are involved in these forms of crimes. Police also monitor various media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Youtube to identify any instances where child pornography is being shared through these websites. Lastly, certain computer softwares are used to locate individuals who are sharing these types of explicit files. We hope that these new techniques will help reduce the rising numbers of incidents.

GOODALE ANNOUNCES NEW CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF RCMP IN RESPONSE TO YEARS OF HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS

After years of sexual assault and harassment allegations put towards the RCMP, the force faced a [\\$1.1 billion](#) lawsuit in 2018. This is because of the numerous accounts of bullying and harassment that have been brought forward between several male and female officers, civilian staff members and volunteers within the RCMP. The purpose of this lawsuit was to seek compensation for the tens of thousands of victims who suffered through income loss due to deprivation of promotions and pensions. In addition, this lawsuit not only included present cases but was also comprised of past allegations which resulted in the inclusion of a \$100 million settlement in the lawsuit for the over 3,100 female officers in 2016 who experienced harassment and discrimination while in the workplace.

Going forward, in order to strengthen the public's accountability in the force, the federal government has been working towards the improvement of the RCMP's management of harassment. With this in mind, the Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced on January 26th, 2019 that the government will be [accepting recommendations](#) on the two 2017 reports on the harassment issues within the RCMP. According

self-defence as his spouse supposedly came at him with a knife and he was simply trying to protect himself.

However, the Justice Geoff of the B.C Supreme Court would disagree as he approved of the Crown's statement that Kalmring was killed through Wien's "alcohol-fuelled rage" and he thereafter planted a knife and vodka bottle to stage the crime scene to look like self-defence. With this, the judge rejected the self-defence claim along with his appeal.

After eight years, the death of their loved one still weighs heavily on the Kalmring family. Affecting them emotionally, mentally and physically, it took two years for the case to go to trial due to delays, followed by six weeks in trial and years of battling for their sister's estate. Fortunately, in 2018, the estate battle finally was settled but the details were not released. After spending seven years in court, her family can finally start healing. That being said, in 2026 Wiens could be eligible for parole. [Read more here.](#)

Hotline to End Human Trafficking

In Spring 2019, The Canadian Centre To End Human Trafficking ([CCEHT](#), a national charity dedicated to ending all types of human trafficking) will be releasing a better developed human trafficking hotline. It will act



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to Goodale, he believes there is more that needs to be done to prevent harassment from happening “to ensure a safe and healthy workplace, where instances of harassment ... simply don't happen, because the culture has changed”.

Furthermore, to aid with this transition, the federal government plans to introduce an [external board of advisors](#) on April 1st of this year. The board will consist of 13 members to form a watchdog that will monitor the RCMP's actions in the near future. Many of the details in regard to the board have yet to be decided on but what we do know is that the board will not have a direct role with policing operations. Rather, the ultimate goal of this board is for them to provide information and recommendations to the force.

In response to these changes, [harassment victims and the general public are concerned](#) with the makeup of the advisory board. A former female RCMP officer Catherine Galliford shares this same fear, as she states “the board is going to be nothing but a bunch of retired Mounties double-dipping pensions. If it is made up of retired mounties, no one will go to them for help,”. Whereas, Atoya Montague who was a former civilian member of the media relations unit, welcomed the news of the advisory board but questions if those decision makers who previously turned a blind eye will be gone with the introduction of the board. Moreover, leading up to April 1st, Goodale will announce the members of the board and he believes that the board will be very impressive for Canadians based on its quality and competence within the board itself.

NEW RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL TO HELP FAMILY COURTS PROTECT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The time when a woman decides to separate from her abusive partner is often the [most dangerous](#) and lethal. Many researchers believe it's about power and control. "Research has shown the risk of domestic

as a central response and referral mechanism, offering 24/7, multilingual access to a safe and confidential space to ask for help, connect to services, report tips.

The Hotline will respond to all forms of human trafficking including both sex and labour trafficking. It will provide assistance to and on behalf of minors, adults, males, females, transgender individuals, gender non-conforming individuals, citizens, permanent residents, and foreign nationals.

Need help or [want to report](#)? If you or someone you know is being exploited, contact your local police or dial 911 immediately.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Short-term Lost Productivity per Victim: Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, or Stalking

The long-term health and economic consequences of such violence are substantial. Victims' [lost productivity](#) can be argued as being directly impacted by their victimization. There are few opportunities to directly measure the economic impact of interpersonal violence.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's



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homicide becomes highest during the period of separation," said [Betty Jo Barrett](#), an associate professor in the women's and gender studies program at the University of Windsor. According to Ontario's chief coroner, about 67% of domestic homicides in Ontario involved couples who had separated or were about to separate, according to [data](#) from 2003 to 2016.

The two-year project, Funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario, is in the planning stages in family courts throughout the Greater Toronto Area. Its goal is to give mediators, lawyers and others the ability to assess an abused women's situations more accurately.

To this day, Canadian family courts serving separating or seeking child custody still have no universal tools to screen for the presence of intimate partner violence or assess the immediate risks to those who disclose abuse. According to a [2016 survey](#) from the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, 79% of family lawyers said domestic violence factors into nearly a quarter of their cases, but they had never or rarely relied on any standardized methods.

Deepa Mattoo, a legal director at Toronto's largest specialized clinic for women facing violence, is developing a new risk assessment tool that would allow family court staff to determine the level of danger in these women's lives. Mattoo's new risk-assessment tool (modelled after similar questionnaires already used in parts of the United States, Britain, New Zealand and Australia), gives legal practitioners time-sensitive and better insights into domestic abuse. The questionnaire will take into account physical, emotional and financial abuse, as well as coercion, stalking and cyber surveillance – behaviours that can signal more violence to come, according to researchers.

Victims are often ashamed or afraid of reprisals in speaking out, as others still care about their abusive partners. "If she goes back and he comes to know, is

2012 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), is an ongoing, random-digit-dial telephone survey, used to estimate victims' short-term lost work and school days because of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or stalking.

Victims collectively reported 741 million short-term lost work and school days per victim. The estimated value of that lost productivity was \$110 billion, or an average of \$841 per victim. Other factors included being female, past sexual/physical or stalking by an intimate partner.

Victims, family, friends and employers are affected by victims' loss of economic productivity. Reducing intimate partner violence, and stalking could avoid considerable personal and societal costs. [The Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) recently published a guide to help communities make use of the best available evidence on strategies to stop sexual and intimate partner violence before it starts and support survivors in order to lessen the harms.

Capturing Human Trafficking Victimization Through Crime Reporting

[Human trafficking](#) is a complex global issue. While there have been advances in



there going to be an escalation of violence in the house, or could it be lethal for her?” Ms. Mattoo said. “Women are still the experts, but asking them direct questions can give us a clearer context”. As for Mattoo, what is most critical is that family law practitioners should undergo mandatory training on trauma, building trust, reading body language and other factors. Experts stress that women need to feel safe before opening up to a lawyer or mediator about what they are experiencing at home.

The Ending Violence Association of Canada provides services across Canada, contact the [provider nearest you](#). If you are in immediate danger or fear for your safety, please call 911.

IN WAKE OF THE #METOO MOVEMENT, THE IDEA FOR A SPECIAL SEXUAL ASSAULT COURT GAINS INTEREST IN QUEBEC

The rise of the [#MeToo movement](#) in Quebec resulted in sexual assault allegations against some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry. In Quebec, [Gilbert Rozon](#), the comedian who built the francophone side of the Just for Laughs empire, has been charged with sex-related crimes against a single victim in 1979 after a lengthy investigation into multiple allegations made by more than a dozen women.

The [new court idea](#) is by creating a special division of the Quebec Court — as there are penal, civil and youth divisions — complainants would find themselves in a court more sensitive to their particular situation. Ideally, judges and lawyers would receive specialized training, legal experts could testify about the effects of trauma, without recalling details of a harrowing event. By separating sexual assault cases from the rest of the criminal system, such cases could come to trial more quickly.

the identification and investigation of human trafficking, and assistance to victims, there are still challenges in addressing the crime of human trafficking. One major issue in the field is the lack of accurate data around the number of victims (data that represents the number of victims and their needs in law enforcement, service providers).

Even when specialized investigators identify human trafficking victimization and pursue investigations of human trafficking offenses, these incidents are still mainly recorded as [different offense types](#) within internal records management systems, as offense codes for human trafficking do not exist in the records management systems. There can be disconnects between investigative recordkeeping and crime reporting programs within police agencies. Some incidents get classified as human trafficking offenses, while some do not end up being reported to state crime reporting programs due to the failure or delay of state crime reporting programs to create classifications or reporting structures for human trafficking offenses.



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