



“The Avengers”

*Protecting the Rights of Victims
from Evil Criminals*

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OBJECTIVES

2019

- ▶ Identify and Understand:
 - ▶ Criminal Rights v Victims' Rights
 - ▶ Impact of Trauma
 - ▶ Dynamics of Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence and the Impact of Homicide
 - ▶ Emotional, Physical and Financial Burdens to Victims

Criminal Rights v Victim Rights

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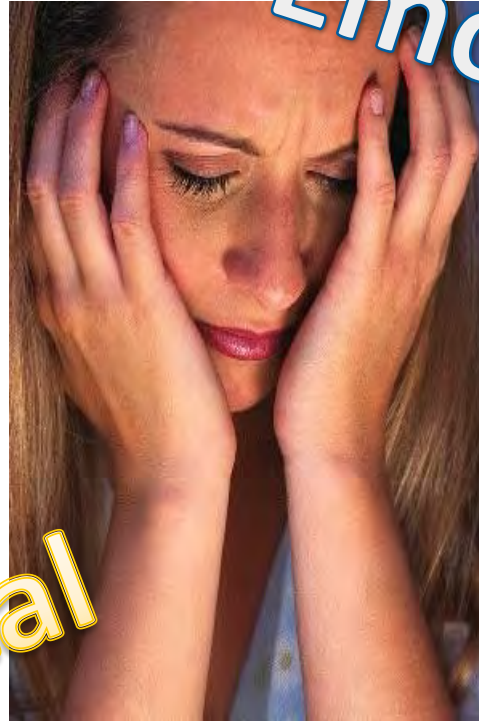
- ▶ Rights afforded to criminals
- ▶ Rights afforded to victims
 - ▶ Victims' Rights Law
 - ▶ Marsy's Law



Impact of Crime

2019

- ▶ Types of Crime
 - ▶ Sexual Violence
 - ▶ Domestic Violence
 - ▶ Homicide



Emotional

Physical

FINANCIAL

Crisis Reactions

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- ▶ What is a crisis?
 - ▶ Types of crisis reactions
- ▶ What are trigger events?
- ▶ Short term and long term reactions to trauma

Sexual Violence

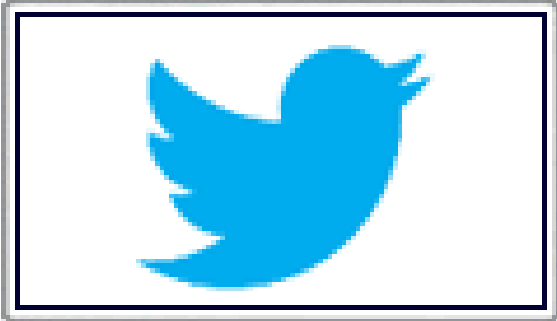
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- ▶ Defining Sexual Violence
- ▶ Emotional Reaction
- ▶ Long-term effects



The Internet

2019



Control Your Online Content

2019

DIGITAL DATING



GAMING



Domestic Violence

2019

- ▶ Definition of Domestic Violence
- ▶ Why victims are not always cooperative
- ▶ Understanding dynamics of domestic violence



Homicide

2019

- ▶ Unique grief for homicide survivors
- ▶ Issues for survivors:
 - ▶ Coroner
 - ▶ Media
 - ▶ Police involvement
 - ▶ Prosecution
 - ▶ Long-term reactions



Vulnerable Population

2019

▶ Children



▶ Elderly



▶ Developmentally Disabled

Violent Behavior is Learned

2019

- ▶ Often learned early in life
- ▶ Children can learn constructive ways to solve problems



How Behaviors are Learned

2019

- ▶ Television
- ▶ Videos/Games
- ▶ Movies
- ▶ Internet
- ▶ Family & Friends

Exposure to Violence

2019

- ▶ How children are affected
- ▶ Communication
 - ▶ **Allow children to talk about violence**
 - ▶ **Encourage them to express feelings**



Restoring Justice

2019

- ▶ Restitution
- ▶ Apology
- ▶ Restoration
- ▶ Community Action



Do Something...

2019



Victim/Witness Division

937-225-5623

24-Hour Crisis Line

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