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Jeans for a CAWS

Bismarck, ND - April 26-May 2 is National Crime Victims Week. This year commemorates 25 years since the establishment of the Victims of Crime Act and the Crime Victims Fund. This is a week to focus on victim rights and to honor and remember victims and survivors of crime.

An activity the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) is sponsoring during Crime Victim Rights Week is "Jeans Day" for all DOCR employees. The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center employees have also volunteered to participate in the jeans day to help raise money. Each Employee that chooses to participate will pay a dollar on Monday April 27 to wear Jeans. The DOCR will donate all proceeds from the jeans day to the ND Council on Abused Women's Services/ Coalition Against Sexual Assault in ND (NDCAWS/CASAND).

The DOCR Victim Service Program is a statewide program, and works with victims of all crimes. The DOCR felt that we wanted as many communities to benefit from the donation as possible. NDCAWS/CASAND provides numerous programs and projects available to victims of domestic violence, domestic violence homicide, sexual assault and child abuse throughout the state. NDCAWS/CASAND is instrumental in conducting numerous trainings and educational opportunities each year for victims of crimes and professionals who work directly with the victims impacted by these crimes. The NDCAWS/CASAND program works to ensure that victim's rights are protected and they do this by being strong advocates throughout the legislative process.

On May 1, 2009 at 9:00 AM, the DOCR will present NDCAWS with a check from the money that was raised by all the DOCR employees during Crime Victim Rights Week at the NDCAWS office, 418 East Rosser Avenue #320 in Bismarck. Reporters are welcome. Interviews will be granted concerning Crime Victim Rights Week and newly released 2008 domestic violence/sexual assault statistics.

The DOCR Victim Service Program ensures that victim's rights are protected by informing victim's of key status changes regarding offenders while incarcerated, on parole status and probation with the DOCR. The Victim Service Program works to educate and refer victims to appropriate community services available throughout the state of ND.

The mission of NDCAWS/CASAND is to provide leadership and support in the identification, intervention, and prevention of domestic and sexual violence.