

VICTIMS' RIGHTS DIGEST 101:

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Welcome to the Victims' Rights Digest 101, NAVRA's weekly digest of national and international news affecting crime victims.

In this digest NAVRA hopes to share many of the news, cases and research links that come across its desk on a weekly basis. This Digest is not intended to be a comprehensive collection of news items affecting crime victims, nor does NCVLI express any opinion with regard to any of the stories contained in the Digest. The Digest is designed to provide the membership of NAVRA with a glimpse of victims' issues being talked about and reported on across the country and the world.

We hope that you will find this of use. More news on victims' issues can also be found at www.ncvli.org.

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NON-REGIONAL

[Fighting identity theft not a priority, report says](#)

A newly released report by the Justice Department's Inspector General says government agencies aren't doing enough to combat identity theft. To read the full report and its recommendations, [click here](#).

REGIONAL

EAST

[Maryland - Assault task force expands](#)

Local law enforcement agencies in Maryland have finalized an agreement with medical and social service organizations to combat sexual assault and domestic violence through a joint task force.

MIDWEST

[Minnesota - Judge OK's \\$1,000 restitution in child porn case](#)

In the latest development on the ongoing issue of restitution for victims of child sex abuse images, the judge who helped to put the issue in the national spotlight has said he'll approve a restitution award in a Minnesota case.

[Michigan - Personal Protection Order: New law speeds legal action for victims of sexual assault](#)

A new Michigan law provides greater protection for victims of sexual assault.

[Illinois - Turn over the evidence](#)

A proposed bill in Illinois would require the state's 1,200 law enforcement agencies to turn in evidence of sexual assault within 10 days of collecting it from the hospital, and also calls on those agencies to provide the Illinois State Police with a list of all untested kits in their possession.

WEST

[California - Ruling on victim's rights could be felt across state](#)

All of California could be affected by Judge Robert Tamietti's decision requiring a dependent abuse case to return to trial.

[Arizona - ASU to provide center to help victims of domestic violence](#)

Arizona State University will be home to the new Diane Halle Center for Family Justice, a place victims of domestic violence can go for legal, social, financial and medical help. The center will be lead by Sarah M. Buel, currently a clinical professor at the University of Texas School of Law.

INTERNATIONAL

[New Zealand - Victims ask for same legal help as accused](#)

Victims' rights advocates in New Zealand are pushing for major reforms to the role victims are currently given in the criminal justice system, including such changes as ensuring that victims have the support of an attorney or advocate throughout the proceedings, and removing the courts' ability to censor victim impact statements.