

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

[Child Pornography, and an Issue of Restitution](#)

Courts across the nation are grappling with the issue of whether those convicted of possession of child pornography should have to pay restitution.

NATIONAL

EAST

[Massachusetts – Atkins announces passage of harassment bill](#)

Massachusetts state senators and representatives unanimously passed a bill improving protections for victims regardless of their relationship with their offender.

[Maryland - Bill Would Provide Hotel Shelter for Domestic Violence Victims](#)

Maryland state Sen. James Brochin is looking for solutions to help the many domestic violence victims who are turned away from shelters find a safe place to stay, including temporary housing in hotels.

[Pennsylvania - 'Original victims' cheated in Luzerne scandal?](#)

Pennsylvania's state Victim Advocate voices victims' concerns in a scandal that has left many victims without restitution or records that their case ever went to court.

WEST

[California – Chowchilla inmates aim to help victims](#)

Inmates in the Valley State Prison for Women want to know how they can use their community service club to start helping victims of crime.

INTERNATIONAL

EUROPE

[Serbia – Serbia fights rising trend in domestic violence](#)

Government ministers recognize a growing problem, as non-governmental organizations work to help victims of domestic violence find safety and financial independence from their abusers.

PACIFIC

[Australia - Criminals will be made to pay compensation under proposed laws](#)

Lawmakers and victim organizations in Victoria are hoping to update their law to be more like those of several other Australian states and territories, which levy offenders to help fund crime victim compensation.