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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

[When Restraining Orders Cannot Stop a Killer](#)

Victims of domestic violence and their families speak out about the need for better enforcement tools to ensure the safety of domestic violence and stalking victims.

NATIONAL

MIDWEST

[Oklahoma - Domestic Violence Victims Bill Moves On](#)

Oklahoma lawmakers approved legislation last week prohibiting insurance companies from considering domestic abuse as a pre-existing condition for denial of coverage.

[Michigan - Plea Bargain Rejected](#)

A Michigan judge rules that the prosecutor's office made an unintentional mistake in failing to notify the victims prior to the plea, citing the victims' constitutional right to consult with the prosecutor before reaching a plea agreement.

INTERNATIONAL

AFRICA

[Nigeria: Trafficking convictions up but progress slow](#)

Nigeria reports that interception and conviction of human traffickers and smugglers have risen each year in Nigeria since the government passed legislation to ban the trade in 2005, but the volume of trafficking is still high.

EUROPE

[UK: Review calls for focus on care of rape victims](#)

A short video by BBC addresses a recent report in England and Wales that says that rape victims should have a specialist adviser to support them after an attack, and that police and prosecutors should give greater priority to the victim.