

# VICTIMS' RIGHTS DIGEST 101:

an anthology of global news & media

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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](http://www.ncvli.org).

Comments, concerns, and recommendations regarding this Digest are always welcome. Send them to [navra@lclark.edu](mailto:navra@lclark.edu).

\* Westlaw/LexisNexis articles require a login and password.

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## NON-REGIONAL

Right and Left Join Forces on Criminal Justice

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/24/us/24crime.html>

\*Westlaw - Compensation to victims of crime, 7A M.L.E. Criminal Law § 457

<https://web2.westlaw.com/Find/Default.wl?bhcp=1&DB=TP%2DALL&FindType=Y&rs=WCLP1%2E0&SerialNum=0118110445&ssl=y&strRecreate=no&sv=Split&vr=2%2E0>

\*Westlaw - Washington DC: Crime Victims' Rights Anniversary, 11/9/09 US Fed. News

<https://web2.westlaw.com/Find/Default.wl?DB=USNEWS&DocName=uuid%2811664d040cd3511de9b8ca5a62c961591%29&FindType=l&rs=WCLP1%2E0&ssl=n&vr=2%2E0>

## NATIONAL

### EAST

Maine - Law aims at gun-related domestic violence

<http://www.bangordailynews.com/detail/129955.html>

Pennsylvania - Lawmakers explore juvenile life sentences in Pennsylvania

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/regional/s\\_652118.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/regional/s_652118.html)

Pennsylvania - Woman honored for dedication to victims in the legal system  
<http://www.centredaily.com/news/local/story/1635247.html>

## NORTH

Michigan - For Michigan prisoners, how much time served is enough?  
[http://blog.mlive.com/peterluke/2009/11/post\\_1.html](http://blog.mlive.com/peterluke/2009/11/post_1.html)

## SOUTH

Florida - The Missing Link — a chance to move on  
[http://www.jaxdailyrecord.com/showstory.php?Story\\_id=529587](http://www.jaxdailyrecord.com/showstory.php?Story_id=529587)

Florida - Rape victim's lawyers say Duval jail inmate got preferential treatment  
[http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/crime/2009-11-17/story/rape\\_victims\\_lawyers\\_say\\_duval\\_jail\\_inmate\\_got\\_preferential\\_treatm](http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/crime/2009-11-17/story/rape_victims_lawyers_say_duval_jail_inmate_got_preferential_treatm)

Tennessee - “Protecting Our Families” conference explains proposed domestic violence legislation  
[http://www2.tricitie.com/tri/news/local/article/protecting\\_our\\_families\\_conference\\_explains\\_proposed\\_domestic\\_violence\\_legi/35907/](http://www2.tricitie.com/tri/news/local/article/protecting_our_families_conference_explains_proposed_domestic_violence_legi/35907/)

Texas - A voice for violence victims  
<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=7130677>

Texas - Seguin PD gets help for victims  
<http://www.seguinazette.com/story.lasso?ewcd=283afd298511b334>

## WEST

California - Board of Parole Hearings Launches Web Page for Crime Victims  
<http://www.corrections.com/news/article/22834-board-of-parole-hearings-launches-web-page-for-crime-victims>

California - Clem speaks out on husband's killing, Zimmerman supporters cry foul  
<http://www.ledger-dispatch.com/printer/article.asp?c=263107>

California - Juvenile offenders donate to victim assistance groups  
<http://www.ledger-dispatch.com/life/lifeview.asp?c=262809>

Colorado - System for crime victims that tracks prisoners lacks cash to operate  
[http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci\\_13750870](http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_13750870)

Oregon - Feisty arson victim fights fire-setter's early release

*(one of NCVLI's Pro bono Clinics)*

[http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/steve\\_duin/index.ssf/2009/11/feisty\\_octogenarian\\_fights\\_fir.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/steve_duin/index.ssf/2009/11/feisty_octogenarian_fights_fir.html)

Oregon - Parents' pleas keep daughter's killer in jail

<http://www.katu.com/news/local/69637342.html>

Oregon - Serial arsonist tries his hand at early release

<http://www.katu.com/news/local/70406437.html>

Utah - Death-row inmate asks judge to block victim's son from speaking at hearings

[http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci\\_13749482](http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_13749482)

Washington - County money preserved for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2010298910\\_webkingbudget19m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2010298910_webkingbudget19m.html)

Washington - Human-trafficking conviction first test of state law

[http://www.seattlepi.com/local/412627\\_westside25.html](http://www.seattlepi.com/local/412627_westside25.html)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **CANADA**

Demanding action on missing persons cases

[http://montreal.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20091116/mtl\\_julie091116/20091116/?hub=MontrealHome](http://montreal.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20091116/mtl_julie091116/20091116/?hub=MontrealHome)

### **ISRAEL**

New plan to aid crime victims excludes domestic violence cases

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1130765.html>

### **SIERRA LEONE**

Sierra Leone clamps down on human trafficking

<http://www.mnnonline.org/article/13514>

## SPAIN

Spain's EU presidency to fight domestic violence

[http://www.expatica.com/es/news/spanish-news/Spain\\_s-EU-presidency-to-fight-domestic-violence\\_58182.html](http://www.expatica.com/es/news/spanish-news/Spain_s-EU-presidency-to-fight-domestic-violence_58182.html)

## UGANDA

Uganda: Women Thrown Off Their Land - Many Cases of Domestic Violence Linked to Widows Stripped of Their Property By Family Members

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200911180936.html>

## UK

Councils 'lost' 145 child asylum seekers last year

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/18/councils-lost-145-children>

Crime victims should not be excluded from the legal process

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/nov/18/frank-mullane-victims-crime-legal>

Police plan register of serial domestic violence offenders

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/nov/16/domestic-violence-police-register-database>

Police should visit all victims, says home secretary

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/8371219.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8371219.stm)

Tackling domestic violence

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/nov/18/tackling-domestic-violence>