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AG Kaul Calls for Increased Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention and Justice for Survivors on Denim Day

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul is encouraging everyone to wear jeans on Denim Day, April 29, as a symbol of solidarity and support for survivors of rape and sexual assault.

“Sexual violence can have lasting effects on survivors and their families, friends, and communities,” said Attorney General Kaul. “The Wisconsin Department of Justice is committed to working to prevent sexual assault. Prosecuting offenders who commit sexual assault is critical to keeping our communities safe.”

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) supports victims of sexual assault through the Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS). OCVS specializes in assisting victims of crime with information, referrals, and questions regarding their crime victim and witness rights.

The office also trains victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other criminal justice professionals and works to expand resources for survivors across the state.

DOJ Crime Victim Resources:

Toll-Free Phone Line

Victims of crimes may get answers to questions at 1-800-446-6564 weekdays 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Safe at Home

An address confidentiality program for victims of acts or threats of abuse or for those who fear for their safety. For more information, visit www.SafeAtHomeWI.gov.

Victim Resource Center

Information and referrals for crime victims; materials and training on victim rights; additional victim assistance and advocacy: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/victim-rights/victim-witness-rights>

Training

DOJ provides training to victim service providers and works to expand resources for survivors across the state: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/training-opportunities-professionals>

Crime Victim Compensation

Helps pay for unreimbursed eligible expenses:
<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/compensation/crime-victim-compensation-program-compensation-your-financial-losses>

For more information, please contact DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services at 1-800-446-6564 or <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs>.