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KCSDV Releases Groundbreaking Domestic Violence Report

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The stories of women murdered in the past two years in Kansas can now be found in a report called Beyond Statistics: Lethal Domestic and Sexual Violence Against Women in Kansas. It is a four page report based on media data that also includes information on missing women and women held hostage in domestic violence-related stand-offs in the state.

"The information that we can take away from these past losses may help us in the future to better prevent such serious acts of violence in the state of Kansas," said Deborah Tucker, executive director of National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

According to Kansas Bureau Investigation report...142 adult domestic violence related fatalities occurred in kansas from 1999- 2005. There were 25 domestic violence related homicides in 2004 and 21 in 2005. A chilling statistic...70 Percent of all domestic violence victims are women.

Sandy Barnett, executive director of KCSDV, said, "Violence against women touches all of us."

"Society needs to who are brutalized are recognize that women just not numbers on a page," said Bob Stephan, former Kansas Attorney General.

Studies have shown that women are more at risk of domestic and sexual violence than men.

"And our hope of course is that one day all Kansans can live in safe homes and travel on safe streets all the way across our state," said Barnett.

In Kansas there are 30 programs dedicated to providing victim services to hold offenders accountable and stop violence.

For more information on the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, visit our website at KSNT.com and click on 27 newslinks. There you will find a link to the website, and there you can download a copy of the report "Beyond the Statistics."

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