



AGENDA—DAY 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 8:15 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

8:15–8:25	Opening Remarks
	<i>Howard Spivak, MD, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice</i>
8:25–8:35	Conference Address
	<i>Anna Martinez, Senior Policy Advisor to Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice</i>
8:35–8:50	Keynote Address
	<i>Bill Baer, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, US Department of Justice</i>
8:50–10:00	Panel 1
	<p>Immediate Aftermath of Sexual Assault—Understanding and Responding to Trauma</p> <p>Objective: This panel will provide an overview of how a traumatic event like sexual assault greatly affects how a victim processes the trauma and why victims may have varied reactions to an assault. Panelists will discuss the neurobiology of trauma as it relates to sexual assault victims, reasons why victims may or may not contact the authorities or have evidence collected, the potential for re-victimization, and the need for comprehensive and trauma-informed responses.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Kellie Green, Founder, Speaking Out About Rape, Inc. and Sexual Assault Survivor</i></p> <p>Panel Members: <i>Natasha S. Alexenko, Survivor and Founder of Natasha's Project</i> <i>Jenifer Markowitz, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and Forensic Nursing Consultant</i> <i>Rebecca Campbell, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University</i></p>
10:00–10:20	BREAK
10:20–11:45	Panel 2
	<p>Victim-Centered Approaches to Sexual Assault First Response</p> <p>Objective: The audience will learn how first responders such as medical staff, victims' advocates, and law enforcement conduct and influence a sexual assault investigation and about the importance of a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Jim Markey, Detective Sergeant, Phoenix Police Department (Ret.), Sex Crimes Unit/Investigative Lead</i></p> <p>Panel Members: <i>Elynn Greene, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Manager, Victim Services & Human Trafficking</i> <i>Noël Busch-Armendariz, Associate Vice President for Research and Professor at the University of Texas, Austin</i> <i>Susan Chasson, SANE Coordinator, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault</i> <i>Jordan Satinsky, Detective Sergeant, Montgomery County, MD, Police Department, Domestic Violence Section</i></p>
11:45–1:00	LUNCH (on your own)

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1:00–1:30	Video Screening and Discussion Progress on Testing Sexual Assault Kits—An Update from the Nevada Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Working Group Objective: Following the debut screening of “Progress on Testing Sexual Assault Kits,” the panelists will give a behind-the-scenes look at their multidisciplinary, victim-centered approach to sexual assault. The panel will discuss the opportunities and challenges that led to the creation of the Nevada Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Working Group; the strategic utilization of available resources; and their plan for testing all sexual assault kits in the state. Moderator: <i>Kristina Rose, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Vice President</i> Panel Members: <i>Kim Murga, Director of Laboratory Services, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department</i> <i>James Sweetin, Prosecutor, Chief of the Special Victims Unit, Office of Victim Advocacy, Clark County District Attorney’s Office in Las Vegas, NV</i> <i>Lora Cody, Detective, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department</i> <i>Elynn Greene, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Manager, Victim Services & Human Trafficking</i>
1:30–2:30	Panel 3 Investigating Sexual Assault—Lessons Learned and Promising Practices Objective: The panel will highlight the complexities of investigating sexual assault cases and promising practices for addressing a number of challenges, such as re-opening “cold” sexual assault cases and responding to new evidence or CODIS hits in a victim-centered way. The panel will also review the role of support from agency leadership; the importance of investigating a sexual assault without DNA; the value of non-DNA evidence; and the importance of addressing bias in investigations. Moderator: <i>Julie A. Lecea, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) Liaison to Criminal Investigation Command (CID)</i> Panel Members: <i>Eleanor A. Odom, Special Victim Prosecutor Expert, US Army</i> <i>Travis Burrows, Supervisory Senior Resident Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)</i> <i>Richard Bell, Special Investigations Division Chief, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office</i>
2:30–2:50	BREAK
2:50–3:40	Panel 4 Legislative Reform—Addressing Sexual Assault across the Nation Objective: The panel will discuss new legislative and policy reforms undertaken or underway at the state and local level and their potential application to other jurisdictions. Topics include facilitating change, the role of agency leadership, and the importance of community-based advocacy services. Moderator: <i>Rebecca O’Connor, Rape Abuse Incest National Network (RAINN), Vice President for Public Policy</i> Panel Members: <i>Nancy Hoffman, State Coordinator, West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information Services</i> <i>Tina L. Orwall, State Representative in the Washington State House of Representatives</i> <i>Lisa Madigan, Attorney General, State of Illinois</i> <i>Doug McGowen, Chief Operating Officer for the City of Memphis</i>

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3:40–4:45	Panel 5
What is Probative—The Role of Evidence in Sexual Assault Cases	
Objective: The panel will examine the complexities of evidence in a sexual assault cases, including what is—and is not—contained in a sexual assault kit; what is considered probative by the laboratory and prosecution; issues regarding evidence storage; and factors to consider in the notification of survivors regarding testing results.	
Moderator:	
<i>Julie A. Lecea, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) Liaison to Criminal Investigation Command (CID)</i>	
Panel Members:	
<i>Jay W. Henry, Laboratory Director, Utah Department of Public Safety – Crime Laboratory</i>	
<i>Mitchell Morrissey, District Attorney, Denver, CO</i>	
<i>Lora Cody, Detective, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department</i>	
4:45–5:00	Closing Remarks
<i>Brian J. Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, The Commonwealth of Virginia</i>	

AGENDA—DAY 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 8:15 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

8:15–8:30	Opening Remarks <i>Nancy Rodriguez, PhD, Director, National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice</i>
8:30–9:30	Panel 6 Behind the Pulitzer Prize Winning Story “An Unbelievable Story of Rape”— How Inter-Agency Cooperation Led to the Apprehension of a Serial Rapist Objective: Panelists will discuss the investigation behind the story and how law enforcement coordination and a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach led to the apprehension of a serial criminal. The panel will also discuss media reporting and utilizing journalism to capture an effective and accurate account of events. Moderator: <i>Rachel Dissell, Reporter, The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, OH</i> Panel Members: <i>Ken Armstrong, Senior Reporter, The Marshall Project, and Co-author of “An Unbelievable Story of Rape”</i> <i>T. Christian Miller, Senior Reporter, ProPublica, and Co-author of “An Unbelievable Story of Rape”</i> <i>Stacy Galbraith, Detective, Golden Police Department, Golden, CO</i> <i>Edna Hendershot, Investigations Sergeant, Westminster Police Department, Westminster, CO</i>
9:30–10:40	Panel 7 In the Lab—Testing Sexual Assault Evidence Objective: Take a look inside evidence testing and decision making at the laboratory, including the steps involved in processing a sexual assault kit; information about uploading data to CODIS; how laboratories address non-biological evidence; and important factors related to outsourcing. Moderator: <i>Amber Carr, Examiner, FBI, DNA Support Unit</i> Panel Members: <i>Brady Mills, Deputy Assistant Director, Texas Department of Public Safety</i> <i>Anthony J. Onorato, Chief, FBI Nuclear DNA Unit, FBI Laboratory, Quantico, VA</i> <i>Robert W. Taylor, Assistant Director Crime Laboratory, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department</i>
10:40–11:00	BREAK
11:00–11:45	Panel 8 Building an Efficient Laboratory Using Technology and Innovative Processes Objective: The panelists will discuss how research and development drives new technology and innovation. This session will review real-world examples of the implementation of improved evidence processing and organizational methods in laboratory systems. Moderator: <i>Matthew Gamette, Idaho Director of Forensic Services</i> Panel Members: <i>Timothy D. Kupferschmid, Chief of Laboratories, New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner</i> <i>John A. Byrd, Director, North Carolina State Crime Lab</i> <i>Paul J. Speaker, Associate Professor of Finance, West Virginia University</i>
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1:00–1:30	Afternoon Guest Speaker <i>Alicia D. O’Neill</i> , <i>TNT’s Cold Justice: Sex Crimes</i> , Attorney at Chip Lewis Law and Former Public Defender Introduced by <i>Camilla Green</i> , Technical Sales Director, Sorenson Forensics
1:30–2:45	Panel 9 Funding and Resources to Solve Sexual Assault Cases Objective: The panel will highlight some of the major national funding sources for testing sexual assault evidence, investigating sexual assault cases, and developing multi-disciplinary or sexual assault response (SART) teams. Moderator: <i>Kristina Rose</i> , Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Vice President Panel Members: <i>Martha Bashford</i> , Chief, Sex Crimes Unit, New York County District Attorney <i>Denise E. O’Donnell</i> , Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, US Department of Justice <i>Bea Hanson</i> , Principal Deputy Director, Office on Violence Against Women, US Department of Justice <i>Nancy Rodriguez</i> , Director, National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice <i>Joye Frost</i> , Director, Office for Victims of Crime, US Department of Justice
2:45–3:05	BREAK
3:05–4:30	Panel 10 Using Multidisciplinary Collaboration to Improve Sexual Assault Response and Create Positive Change Objective: The panel will showcase how a multi-disciplinary team addressed a large number of previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits in a victim-centered, trauma-informed way. Moderator: <i>Doug McGowen</i> , Chief Operating Officer for the City of Memphis Panel Members: <i>Noël Busch-Armendariz</i> , Associate Vice President for Research and Professor at the University of Texas, Austin <i>Emily Burton-Blank</i> , Advocate, Center for Victims, Pittsburgh, PA <i>Mary Lentschke</i> , Assistant Chief, Houston Police Department <i>William Wells</i> , Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University <i>Sonia Corrales</i> , Chief Program Officer, Houston Area Women’s Center (HAWC)
4:30–4:35	Conference Address <i>Gerald M. LaPorte</i> , Director, Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences, National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice
4:35–5:00	Closing Remarks <i>Tina Tchen</i> , Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady, The White House <i>Kym L. Worthy</i> , Wayne County Prosecutor