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TO: Federal Bureau of Investigations, Tribal Leaders, and the  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services

FROM: Monty Wilkinson, Director  
Executive Office for United States Attorneys

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Office of Legal Education

SUBJECT: **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners' Expert Witness Training**  
Columbia, South Carolina  
**July 12-14, 2017**

ATTENTION: Training Officers, SACs, and SSRAs

DUE DATE: **Nominations are due by May 5, 2017**

CONTACTS: **National Indian Country Training Coordinator:**  
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The U.S. Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative, in partnership with the International Association of Forensic Nurses, is pleased to announce the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners' Expert Witness Training. The seminar will be held July 12-14, 2017, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. The costs of travel and lodging will be provided by the Office of Legal Education. There is no tuition charge for this training.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) are specialists in one of the most well-known fields within the field of forensic nursing. Many prosecutors are comfortable using forensic nurses to testify to the facts of a case. However, forensic nurses are often overlooked as accessible expert witnesses. Prosecutors can use forensic nursing expert testimony to educate the jury on the characteristics of battered individuals (to include minimizing and recanting, mechanisms of injury and wounds) and to inform the jury why there may be an absence of injury. Forensic nurses can also assist prosecutors by reviewing medical records prior to trial and identifying relevant portions of the documentation.

This training is designed for SANEs interested in providing expert testimony and for prosecutors assigned to sexual assault and domestic violence cases who want to learn more about the effective use of a SANE as an expert witness in their cases. Priority consideration will go to SANEs and prosecutors working on cases arising in Indian Country.

This class has a mock trial component, and prosecutors and a SANE(s) who work cases together are encouraged to register as a team. Training Officers/SACs/SSRAs are invited to nominate individuals from their division or department who would benefit from this training opportunity.

Please copy and complete the attached form for each of your nominees and E-Mail it to Delores McCarter, Office of Legal Education. **Nominations are due by May 5, 2017.** The Office of Legal Education will review all nominations and will send an e-mail advising nominees of their selection on or about **May 15, 2017.** Selected nominees will also receive travel and lodging information.

In order to ensure that our records are correct, please type in the required information when completing the nomination forms. Illegible and/or incomplete forms will not be considered.

Due to the increasing number of last minute cancellations we must ask that only nominations for those who are certain to attend be submitted.

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys will provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities. Requests should be made to Delores McCarter as early as possible, preferably at least two weeks in advance of the seminar. No nominee will be excluded from a course on the basis of a disability-related accommodations request.

This training is authorized under the Government Employees Training Act.

Any questions regarding this training seminar should be directed to Delores McCarter at (803) 705-5123.

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Delores McCarter at [delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov](mailto:delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov)

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| <b>*Order of Preference:</b> | _____ of _____ |
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*Please type your information below:*

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| <b>Name of Nominee (Last, First, MI):</b> |  |
| <b>Nominee's Job Title:</b>               |  |
| <b>Name of Tribe and/or Agency:</b>       |  |
| <b>Office Mailing Address:</b>            |  |
| <b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>             |  |
| <b>Office Telephone Number:</b>           |  |
| <b>Secondary Telephone Number:</b>        |  |
| <b>E-Mail Address (please confirm):</b>   |  |
| <b>Supervisor's Name and Number:</b>      |  |

**\*If multiple applicants are from the same agency, please have the Training Officer or Supervisor rank applicants in order of preference.**

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1. Are you a practicing sexual assault examiner?  
 Yes  
 No
  
2. How long has nominee been a sexual assault examiner or prosecutor?  
 Less than a year  
 1-3 years  
 3.5 years - 5 years  
 5 years or more
  
3. Have you ever testified in court as a fact witness in a sexual assault case?  
 Yes  
 No
  
4. Have you ever testified in court as an expert witness in a sexual assault case?  
 Yes  
 No
  
5. Do you work in a formalized sexual assault program?  
 Yes  
 No
  
6. Do you work on cases arising in Indian Country?  
 Yes  
 No
  
7. Will any of the prosecutors you work with be attending the training also?  
 Yes  
 No