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## News Release

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### Washington County Attorney's Office commemorates National Crime Victims' Rights Week

STILLWATER, Minn. – Each year, millions of Americans are victims of crime. They could be your coworkers, teammates, neighbors, or family members. What would you do if they came to you for help?

The Washington County Attorney's Office is proud to join communities nationwide in commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 21-27, 2024. This annual observance honors and celebrates the resiliency of crime victims, survivors, and those who advocate on their behalf.

This year's theme, *How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors* asks all of us — friends, family members, neighbors, colleagues, community leaders, victim service providers, criminal justice practitioners, and health professionals — how we can help crime victims.

“Crime victims aren’t just statistics or headlines – they’re our friends, our family, and our neighbors. This year’s theme is a reminder that each one of us plays a vital role in creating safe spaces where victims feel empowered to share their experiences without fear or judgement,” said Washington County Attorney Kevin Magnuson. “Together, let’s ensure that every victim knows they are not alone, that help is available, and there is always hope beyond the darkness they’ve endured.”

The Washington County Attorney's Office provides a range of services to victims of crime, including assistance with safety planning, information about their rights and available resources, and help navigating the criminal justice system. Our Victim Witness Coordinators work closely with community partners to raise awareness about victimization, promote prevention efforts, and provide education and training on best practices for responding to victims of crime. In 2023, the Washington County Attorney's Office worked with over 1,382 victims of crimes committed throughout the county.

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we encourage all members of our community to take time to recognize the strength and courage of victims and survivors of crime, and to consider ways that we can all work together to prevent crime, support victims, and build safer, stronger communities. For more information about how to support all victims of crime, visit Office for Victims of Crime website at [ovc.ojp.gov](http://ovc.ojp.gov)

