

Marsy's Law for Wisconsin: Marsy's Law for Wisconsin, Winnebago County's District Attorney's Office, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice collaborate to "map" a victims' journeys in the criminal justice process

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[MADISON, WI] – The Marsy's Law for Wisconsin team is partnering with the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office and the Wisconsin Department of Justice to conduct a "mapping exercise" on how Wisconsin's constitutional amendment regarding crime victims' rights, known as Marsy's Law, directly impacts the criminal justice process for survivors. The group will literally map the path of the victim through the criminal justice process from the time a call is made to law enforcement through post-sentencing proceedings.

This exercise will look at who victims interact with at each "touch point" of the criminal justice process to better understand and identify areas of concern as they relate to the implementation of Marsy's Law. This is to highlight what has been working well since Marsy's Law went into effect two years ago, as well as identify areas for improvement.

The exercise will be facilitated by David Perlman who works on special projects with the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Representatives from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, circuit courts, and victim services organizations will also participate.

“The mapping of a crime victims’ journey throughout the criminal justice process offers a unique opportunity to learn and better understand every angle of the court process for all parties,” said **Winnebago County District Attorney Eric Sparr**, “The rights upheld by Marsy’s Law are crucial to giving victims a voice and getting them involved in the court process, which ultimately leads to justice being served for all.”

“We are grateful to the Winnebago County stakeholders for taking part in this important exercise. We look forward to sharing our findings throughout the state to assist all actors in the criminal justice process with implementing best practices when it comes to providing crime victims the rights they have under Marsy’s Law,” said **Nela Kalpic, Director of Outreach for Marsy’s Law for Wisconsin**. “We hear countless stories of the impact Marsy’s Law is having on crime victims in Wisconsin and that motivates us to ensure all crime victims have access to their constitutional rights.”

Media Note: This event is closed to the media.

If you would like to schedule an interview with a representative from the District Attorney’s Office, Marsy’s Law for Wisconsin, or one of the mapping exercise participants, please contact bh@platform-communications.com.

When: Friday, August 26, 2022

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Winnebago County Courthouse