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TO: Federal Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Tribal Leaders

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

BY: Cameron G. Chandler, Associate Director
Office of Legal Education

SUBJECT: **National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Indian Country**
Columbia, South Carolina
April 12-15, 2016

ATTENTION: Training Officers

DUE DATE: **Nominations are due by February 5, 2016**

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The National Indian Country Training Initiative, in partnership with AEquitas: The Prosecutor's Resource on Violence Against Women, an Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) funded Technical Assistance provider, announces the National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Indian Country (NIPSVIC). The training will be held April 12-15, 2016, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be paid for by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Education.

Contrary to popular belief, the vast majority of rapists are serial offenders who are known to their victims. They are adept at creating, identifying, and exploiting perceived vulnerabilities in their victims, ultimately rendering them more vulnerable to attack through the use of premeditated tactics and non-traditional weapons. Further, rapists routinely benefit from society's common misconceptions regarding their appearance, behavior, use of weapons, etc. that often results in a failure to identify, report, and hold them accountable for their crimes. To more effectively identify, investigate, and prosecute non-stranger rapists, prosecutors must overcome their own myths and misconceptions about sexual violence, as well as those believed by judges and juries.

The National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Indian Country (NIPSVIC) is a 3 ½ day course designed to challenge participants to reevaluate their approach to prosecuting sexual

violence crimes. The NIPSVIC will explore the complex issues faced by prosecutors in balancing offender accountability and the impact of criminal prosecution on victims. In addition to practical case evaluation and litigation skills, the curriculum will examine the benefits of developing a coordinated, victim-centered community response; explain common injuries and relevant medical evidence, and offer guidance on the use of medical experts; explore ethical issues confronted by prosecutors; address the development and improvement of culturally-sensitive victim services; and offer prosecutors the ability to redefine outcomes and the very nature of justice in sexual violence cases.

The NIPSVIC will offer hypothetical case problems, role-playing exercises, small group discussions, mini-lectures, and faculty demonstrations. Rather than merely attending a series of legal lectures, participants will examine their current attitudes and practices by employing active case evaluation, preparation, and trial skills to respond to sexual violence in the varied contexts in which it occurs. The highly interactive format enables prosecutors from different jurisdictions, with varied levels of experience, to learn from one another and engage in "real-life" scenarios that are readily transferable to their everyday work.

Please complete the attached form for each of your nominees and E-Mail them to the attention of Delores McCarter, Office of Legal Education. **Nominations are due by Friday, February 5, 2016.**

The NICTI will review all nominations and the NICTI will send an E-Mail advising nominees of their selection on or about **February 16, 2016**. Selected nominees will also receive information on how to book travel and lodging.

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.

National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Indian Country
April 12-15, 2016
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NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE AND SUBMIT THIS NOMINATION FORM BY *FEBRUARY 5, 2016,*
VIA E-MAIL AT: delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov

***Order of Preference:**	_____ of _____

Please type your information below:

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

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

1. Are you currently employed as an AUSA, tribal prosecutor or tribal attorney?
   - ◯ Yes
   - ◯ No
2. Are you currently assigned sexual violence cases with adult victims?
   - ◯ Yes
   - ◯ No
3. How many years of experience do you have prosecuting sexual violence cases with adult victims?
   - ◯ Less than 1 year
   - ◯ 1 to 5 years
   - ◯ 5 to 10 years
   - ◯ More than 10 years