

DATE: May 12, 2014

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
August 5-7, 2014

ATTENTION: Training Officers, SACs, and SSRAs

DUE DATE: **Nominations are due by May 30, 2014**

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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 August 5-7, 2014, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be provided by the Office of Legal Education.

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. This class is also designed 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 admission will go to those medical providers 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 or FAX to the attention of Delores McCarter, Office of Legal Education, FAX number 803-705-5110. **Nominations are due by May 30, 2014.** The Office of Legal Education will review all nominations and will send an e-mail advising nominees of their selection on or about **June 9, 2014.** 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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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS NOMINATION FORM BY MAY 30, 2014 AND EMAIL OR FAX IT TO: Delores McCarter at delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov or FAX: (803) 705-5110

*Order of Preference:	_____ of _____
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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:	
Email 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.

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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