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RE: Victim/Witness Needs Assessment

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office understands that victims of crime are left with questions relating to the investigation that follows. In an effort to assure that the DCSO is doing everything possible to meet a victim's needs several advocacy groups were surveyed last year as well as the Sheriff's Office investigators that conduct the follow up work. The advocacy groups surveyed included:

Project Harmony

YWCA

Douglas County Victim/Witness Unit

Persons most commonly served by these advocacy groups included victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, robbery, burglary, fraud and elder abuse. Feedback received from the advocacy groups indicated that the DCSO is providing an adequate level of service to victims and witnesses of crimes that this office investigates. The full report can be viewed on line at: <http://www.omahasheriff.org/>

The DCSO has also posted several Victim/Witness Advocacy group links on its website as well. Those links can be found under the "Links" tab and clicking "Other." Victims are encouraged to use these resources to assist them through the legal process.