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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS
WEEK VIDEO "VOICES OF VICTIMS/SURVIVORS" AND STORYBOOK**

Announcement

**On April 9-16, 2016, GCASAFV will be joined with their partners to recognize
National Crime Victims' Rights Week.**

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In conjunction with our partners, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) cordially extends an invitation to all victims/survivors of crime to participate in the National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) collection of stories for the "Voices of Victims/Survivors" video production and storybook. This year's theme for NCVRW is *Serving Victims, Building Trust, and Restoring Hope*. GCASAFV aims to engage the entire island community of Guam to raise awareness of victims' rights and services.

GCASAFV would like to give victims/survivors of all crimes, to include crimes such as theft or driving while under the influence, an opportunity to share their stories and give hope to all victims. Sharing your story about your personal experience can help increase awareness, raise support, and promote healing with other victims/survivors of crime. In your stories, please share your experience, how it has impacted your life, and how you were able to heal.

We ask that stories be no more than one page long. All stories submitted must be closed within the criminal justice system, and we ask that all participants be 18 and over. Stories must be submitted by April 4, 2016, and can be emailed to info@guamcoalition.org or mailed to **P.O. Box 1093 Hagatna, Guam 96932** (postmarked by April 1, 2016). The stories received will be used for the "Voices of Victims/Survivors" video, which will be shown at the Public Forum on April 16, 2016, at the University of Guam – School of Business and Public Administration Building from 9:00AM – 3:00PM and will be published in the story booklet, which will also be available at the public forum.

For all those submitting stories, we ask that you fill out the 'Submission/Waiver Form' and attach it with your story. Confidentiality is our utmost concern. Therefore, private information will not be released without permission of the author. GCASAFV is unable to retract any stories once published.

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ABOUT GCASAFV:

Established in 2006, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (GCASAFV) is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to address sexual assault and family violence on Guam with one united voice.

GCASAFV's mission is to identify and address the community needs and access to services for victims and survivors of sexual assault and family violence by raising community awareness and building the island's capacity through education, outreach, and training. Membership is comprised of service providers, government allies, and community partners. To learn more about GCASAFV, visit www.GuamCoalition.org; or, for a listing of island resources visit www.GuamServices.org.