



## Share Your Experiences:

**Did you report a sexual assault to the Alaska State Troopers between 2006 and 2016? Were you 18 years or older at the time of the assault?**

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **Why is the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center doing this research?**

The Alaska Department of Public Safety has been awarded a Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to partner with the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center to research their practices related to sexual assault investigation, prosecution, and victim-survivor engagement and support. This grant is one of many sexual assault kit initiatives across the country. The research priority is to understand what the processes look like from different perspectives and whether those processes meet expectations of justice.

#### **What does participation look like?**

If you participate, you will be interviewed either in-person or via phone (your choice) by Dr. Ingrid Johnson. No one else will be in the room or part of the interview unless you require an interpreter.

#### **What kind of questions will be asked?**

You will be asked to share about the assault you experienced, the different people you interacted with after you reported the assault, and whether you believe that justice was done in your case.

#### **How long will the interview take?**

The interview should last about 1 to 2 hours. Some interviews may end faster or take longer, depending on how much you are willing to share. You are free to end the interview at any point.

#### **Will I be paid for this?**

Yes, participation in the interview (not the screening process to determine whether you can participate) means you will receive either a \$45 Amazon or Visa gift card.

#### **Will the interview be recorded?**

Yes, we will record the interview using a digital recorder to ensure that we accurately reflect your perspective and so that we can better examine everyone's experiences.

#### **How will you protect my privacy?**

Interviews will be conducted in private spaces with only you and the interviewer in the room (unless an interpreter is needed). Only the interviewer (Dr. Ingrid Johnson) and the research team (two research technicians working for her and a paid transcriptionist) will have access to the interview recording and typed version of the interview. Digital and hard copies will be kept on the researchers' secured computers and in locked cabinets in the researchers' locked offices. Once the recordings have been transcribed and de-identified by the research team, the recordings will be destroyed. De-identified transcripts will be kept until analyses are completed. We will not attach your name or any other identifiable information about you to any of your responses, or to any reports or publications describing the results of this study.

#### **Can I talk to someone other than a researcher about my experiences?**

If you do not want to talk to the researcher but you want to talk to someone else, or if you *do* talk to the researcher *and* want to talk more with someone else, there are several resources available to you. Please see the back of this sheet for a list of resources for victim-survivors of sexual assault.

#### **Other questions and concerns?**

Please contact Dr. Ingrid D. Johnson at [idjohnson@alaska.edu](mailto:idjohnson@alaska.edu) or at 907-786-1126

## Resources for Victim-Survivors of Sexual Assault

There are local and national resources available to you. If you need help or just want to talk to someone, please feel free to use these resources. Many of the websites listed below also have resource lists.

### Alaska Automated Victim Notification System (VINE)

[www.correct.state.ak.us/probation-parole/vine](http://www.correct.state.ak.us/probation-parole/vine)  
Website and toll-free number for updates on an inmate's current location and tentative release date.

### Alaska District Attorney's (DA) Offices

[www.law.state.ak.us/departments/criminal/doa.html](http://www.law.state.ak.us/departments/criminal/doa.html)  
Contact the DA in your district for information about a criminal case.

### Alaska Native Justice Center

(907) 793-3550 [www.anjc.org](http://www.anjc.org)

The Alaska Native Justice Center supports individuals who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused by a partner or are seeking assistance with a civil legal issue related to family law such as divorce, separation, child custody, support or a protective order.

### Alaska Office of Victims' Rights

907-754-3460 or 844-754-3460 [ovr.akleg.gov](http://ovr.akleg.gov)

Provides free legal services to victims of crime to help them obtain the rights they are guaranteed under the Alaska constitution and statutes.

### Alaska State Troopers

[dps.alaska.gov/AST/Contacts](http://dps.alaska.gov/AST/Contacts)

Visit this website to find the contact information for your local Trooper post.

### Alaska Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)

(907) 465-3040 [doa.alaska.gov/vccb/](http://doa.alaska.gov/vccb/)

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board was established to help mitigate financial losses that are the direct result of violent crimes that occur to Alaskans and visitors to Alaska.

### Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

(907) 328-3990 [aknwrc.org](http://aknwrc.org)

Connection to tribal support and resources. Not a 24 hour hotline.

### Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA)

(907) 586-3650 [andvsa.org](http://andvsa.org)

Statewide coalition of advocacy programs; civil legal support, can connect you to local programs that provide direct services. Not a 24 hour hotline.

### Victim Services/Advocacy and Hotlines

Can provide confidential support, information, and referrals.

National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN.org)	1-800-656-4673
Anchorage: Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc.	(907) 272-0100
Anchorage: Standing Together Against Rape	1-800-478-8999
Anchorage: Victims for Justice	1-888-835-1213
Bethel: Tundra Women's Coalition	1-800-478-7799
Cordova Family Resource Center	1-866-790-4357
Cordova: Native Village of Eyak	(907) 424-7738
Craig: Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies	(907) 826-4673
Dillingham: Safe and Fear-Free Environment	1-800-478-2316
Emmonak Women's Shelter	(907) 949-1443
Fairbanks: Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living	1-888-478-7273
Haines: Becky's Place	(907) 303-0076
Homer: South Peninsula Haven House	1-800-478-7712
Juneau: AWARE	1-800-478-1090
Kenai: Kenaitze Indian Tribe	(907) 335-7600
Kenai: The LeeShore Center	(907) 283-7257
Ketchikan Indian Community	(907) 228-9327
Ketchikan: Women in Safe Homes	1-800-478-9474
Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center	1-888-486-3625
Kotzebue: Maniilaq Family Crisis Center	1-888-478-3969
Nome: Bering Sea Women's Group	1-800-570-5444
Palmer: Alaska Family Services	1-866-746-4080
Petersburg: Working Against Violence for Everyone	(907) 518-0555
Seward: Seaview Community Services	1-888-224-5257
Sitkans Against Family Violence	1-800-478-6511
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence	1-800-478-7238
Utqiagvik: Arctic Women in Crisis	1-800-478-0267
Valdez: Advocates for Victims of Violence	1-800-835-4044

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