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IS A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER THAT  
DISCUSSES A VARIETY OF TOPICS  
DEALING WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT  
AND ABUSE AND HOW TO SUPPORT  
SURVIVORS.

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# Happy November!

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# November!

**November 4/5 - First Responder Training in Swift Current**

**November 11-15 - Forensic Nurses Week**

**November 18/19 - First Responder Training in Ochapowace First Nation**

**November 28 - Gathering of Sexual Assault Service Providers in Saskatoon**



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## Forensic Nurses Week

The community of Regina and area is fortunate to have a team of highly trained nurses to conduct sexual assault examinations. Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE's) provide compassionate, informed and timely care to those who have experienced sexual violence. The response people receive when first disclosing sexual violence impacts long-term outcomes and the SAFE program is shown to increase a feeling of safety and support, and reduce medical needs, post-exam. Our Centre wants to thank our team of nurses and the Saskatchewan Health Authority for their commitment to amazing and professional care!

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YOU

# *Know My Name: A Memoir* by Chanel Miller



**Prior to her book release, Chanel Miller was previously known to the media as: "Emily Doe, the girl Brock Turner sexually assaulted, the unconscious body left behind a dumpster, to name a few. Her memoir, Know My Name, is Chanel's way of reclaiming her story and speaking her truth about her experience with sexual violence.**

**The memoir begins with Chanel sharing her perspective and truth about what happened the night Brock Turner sexually assaulted her behind a dumpster. She wants to claim that yes, she was a victim, but is not "Brock Turner's victim" and emphasizes that she does not belong to him.**

**Chanel includes court documents, police records, media coverage and personal experience to portray how sexual assault victims are treated throughout the legal process, and how difficult it is to receive justice.**

**The memoir is written with much emotion, but also offers hope to other individuals who have experienced sexual violence.**





## *Update: Violence Against Women Case Review*

In mid-October 2019, a team from RSAC met with Sunny Marriner, creator of the Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review model, for the first police file review in Saskatchewan. Sunny resides in Ottawa, and has been advocating for individuals who have experienced sexual violence for over 20 years. She now devotes her time to training other professionals to implement her Canadian iteration of the Philadelphia model in their communities across Canada. Our team spent five days with Sunny for specific training to understand how police systems and processes operate, and how to critically analyze cases to identify trends in sexual violence investigations. The goal of the project is not to tell police officers how to conduct their investigations; instead, the reviews are focused on ensuring file completeness and appropriate interviews. The pilot project is a collaboration between RSAC and Regina Police Service. Our team will meet quarterly to review sexual violence cases and then share the findings with the police. With the recommendations given from the case review team, we hope to create a safer environment for individuals to report sexual violence and achieve better outcomes than the current 12% conviction rate.





## HOW TO ACCESS YOUR SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICE DOCUMENTS

### WHERE DO I GO TO ACCESS POLICE DOCUMENTS?

If you live in a city, Google the name of your police station with the words "freedom of information."

Example: Regina Police "freedom of information." If you live in a rural area, Google RCMP with the words "freedom of information"

### WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

When requesting personal information, you will need to provide your name, address, contact information (phone and email), and date of birth. You will also need to provide specific information about your case like known dates, times, locations, file numbers, etc. There is a link to a downloadable form via teach police station/RCMP website where you can fill out this information.

### DOES IT COST ANYTHING? IF SO, HOW MUCH?

Yes. There is a \$20 application fee. Once your records have been processed, it is likely that you will have to pay again before receiving them. The cost for this can range from \$50-\$120.

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO RECEIVE MY DOCUMENTS?

Once the police service receives your request, they should notify you within 30 days. Sometimes, it may take between one to three months for complainants to get copies of police records.





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