

2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Weeks Theme Video Clip Transcript

CAROLINE HUFFAKER, VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR, CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT: Justice for a victim can be everything from a guilty verdict to feeling heard and valued.

DAVID RODDY, CHIEF OF POLICE, CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT: It's taking the time to listen to what the victim's needs are, and making sure that we can help the individuals that have suffered violence, suffered a tragedy, suffered a crime—that we help them heal.

GRETCHEN MORRIS, RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA, DIRECTOR, RED CLIFF BAND INDIAN CHILD WELFARE: Seeking justice is ensuring that the victim is protected and that they're safe, especially when they're being removed from a traumatic situation.

BROOKS DOUGLASS, FORMER STATE SENATOR OF OKLAHOMA, PRESIDENT, DOUGLASS HOUSE: People that work in the criminal justice system, they understand that the rights of victims are there; they are the bedrock that tells the world this is what victims need.

WOMAN: *Do you have a court date coming up?*

MERRY O'BRIEN, MSW, ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATOR, NETWORK FOR VICTIM RECOVERY OF DC: Ensuring that victims have those rights and that they're respected and treated with dignity throughout the entire process is really crucial.

GRETCHEN MORRIS: Everyone has the right to heal and to create a story that is filled with hope.