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Justice Department Honors Milwaukee Prosecutor for Advancing the Use of DNA Profiles in Sexual Assault Cases

WASHINGTON—The Department of Justice will recognize Milwaukee prosecutor Norman Gahn with the Allied Professional Award, for strengthening the prosecution of sexual predators, during the National Crime Victims' Rights Service Awards ceremony Tuesday, April 21, in Washington, D.C.

Gahn pioneered the concept of issuing sexual assault warrants by DNA genetic code, rather than by name, when charging an unknown perpetrator with an offense. This allows the court to retain jurisdiction of a sexual assault case—and ensures the statute of limitations does not expire—in the case of an outstanding arrest warrant.

At the April 21 ceremony, the Justice Department will also recognize 11 other individuals and programs for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Descriptions of the honorees are available at the Office for Victims of Crime's Gallery: <https://ovcncvrv.ncjrs.gov/Awards/AwardGallery/gallerysearch.html>.

The Department's Office for Victims of Crime leads communities across the country in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week and hosts an award ceremony each year. President Reagan proclaimed the first Victims' Rights Week in 1981, calling for greater sensitivity to the rights and needs of victims. This year's observance takes place April 19-25, with the theme *Engaging Communities. Empowering Victims*.

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The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), headed by Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six components: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. More information about OJP can be found at www.ojp.gov.

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