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Police to Honor Sexual Assault Victims

Berkeley, California (Monday, April 2, 2007) – The month of April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, while April 5th is National Sexual Assault Awareness Day. The City of Berkeley Police Department will join other Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the state of California in honoring sexual assault survivors and their loved ones in their communities. The April 2007 campaign slogan is: ***“Prevent Sexual Violence...in our community”***.

Detective Kaplan says “Although sexual assaults are not very common here in our community, we want anyone who has been victimized to know the City of Berkeley has several resources to offer them” He goes on to say “sexual assault doesn’t just affect the victim, but their brothers and sisters, parents, classmates, friends...everyone they know”.

Berkeley Police Officers will have the opportunity to wear the teal ribbon as a symbol of support to sexual assault victims. Please join us in honoring the victims by wearing teal on April 5th.

The Stats: (reported rapes)

2006 – 21
2005 – 22
2004 – 16
2003 – 19
2002 – 33

A large number of the reported rapes are acquaintance/“date rapes” where the victim knows the suspect. A very small number of the reports are cases where the victim is attacked by a stranger.

For additional information on Sexual Assault Awareness Day or Month, please contact the Berkeley Police Dept. Sex Crimes Unit at (510) 981-5735.

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