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Center for Research on Violence Against Women Hosts National Meeting on Stalking on College Campuses

LEXINGTON, Ky. (May 28, 2008) – The University of Kentucky Center for Research on Violence Against Women this week is serving as host to a national meeting on how universities should address stalking victimization on their campuses.

“We are delighted to have this opportunity to serve as a host site for a National Center for Victims of Crime project on the stalking of college women,” said Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women. “The meeting specifically attends to policy development as a means to improve the protection of college women, but in a more general way also serves as an important reminder of the degree to which violence against women is an issue of import for institutions of higher learning across the United States.”

The meeting, part of a U.S. Department of Justice funded project, will be attended by criminal justice, student affairs, prevention/education and other professionals from colleges and universities across the country. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a national model policy on how universities should respond to stalking cases that involve their students.

In its 2007 Women’s Safety Study, the Center for Research on Violence Against Women surveyed 2001 UK women students and found that 15.1 percent had had the experience of stalking victimization while a student at UK (down from 18 percent in the 2004 version of that same study). Almost half of those stalking cases took place on UK’s

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campus, and there was an increase in the use of electronic means to commit stalking over the past three years.

For additional information about the center, contact Carol E. Jordan, director, Center for Research on Violence Against Women by e-mail at carolj@uky.edu or by phone at (859) 257-2737.

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