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## SEXUAL ASSAULT PANEL DISCUSSION: Additional Information and Extended Time

## Public Announcement

Casper, Wyoming (March 30, 2017) – The Casper Police Department, in concert with the Natrona County District Attorney's Office, the Self Help Center, the Children's Advocacy Project (CAP), and the Wyoming Medical Center (WMC), will hold two Sexual Assault Panel Discussions, one on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:15pm at Casper College's Durham Hall and the other on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the same time and location. This event is free and open to the public and media organizations.

The duration of the event has been extended to 8:15pm due to the number of panel members and the volume of information to be presented and discussed.

The purpose of the first panel discussion is to educate and inform attendees on the legal, investigative, prosecutorial, and victim service issues and challenges surrounding this critical topic. Panel members will share information within their respective professional fields. Audience members will be encouraged and afforded the opportunity to submit questions. Time permitting, the moderator will field questions submitted by the audience. For those unable to attend, questions may be submitted prior to the event to the panel moderator via email at <a href="mailto:ltravers@caspercollege.edu">ltravers@caspercollege.edu</a>.

The Department will "Facebook Live" the event on its Facebook page (facebook.com/CasperPolice).

The second panel discussion will focus on the questions generated and submitted during the first session, as well as strategies, recommendations, ideas, and solutions to the identified challenges and issues.

The Dean of Casper College's School of Business and Industry, Lesley Travers, will moderate the event. Panel members will include the Natrona County District Attorney, the Casper Chief of Police, Casper Police Department Investigations and Victim Services personnel, and associated leaders from Self Help Center, CAP, and the WMC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) coordinator.

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