

Nev. AG's office launches website to aid sex assault victims

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Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt this month unveiled a website for sexual assault victims as part of his initiative to reduce the backlog of untested rape kits.

The website, which has been under construction for months, features resources for survivors, law enforcement contact information and details on Nevada's initiative to test thousands of backlogged rape kits. It also includes statistics on testing, DNA matches and arrests made. The data will be updated monthly.

According to the attorney general's office, roughly 7,584 untested kits were housed in Nevada at its peak. Data released in February by the Metropolitan Police Department showed that 4,750 sexual assault kits in Southern Nevada remain untested. The website said 6,108 kits have been sent for testing, and 3,811 tests have been completed.

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