PERSONAL ACCOUNTS FROM SURVIVORS

OF PRISON SEXUAL ASSAULTS

MS. STRUCKMAN-JOHNSON: Before we go on, I just want to say thank you for coming. Ms. Bruntmyer, I wandered how prison treated you? Were they kind to you or what happened when you talked to the prison about this, about your son?

MS BRUNHMYER: The prison didn't treat us very well. When he was in Galveston at the hospital, we had a guard around us all the time and we were not allowed to touch. And if you said something or got too close, you had to back away. We didn't even care.

And after he died, getting his belongings was having to make a threat to them to get his belongings to us and we still did not get everything. They didn't come and say anything to us. When we went up there when it first happened, I wanted to know why it happened with a warrant, with a psychologist, with a social worker, and all I got told was he's just an inmate. That's all I got. Even the psychologist, psychologists don't help. Witnesses don't help. Rodney was denied. He was raped. He was beat. He was denied.

I have a son today in prison that's getting raped. I go visit him. I see the guards. I see how they get treated. But the prison is not going to show me any respect when I walk through that door even today. They don't show us respect.

MS. STRUCKMAN-JOHNSON: I just wanted to say thank you for coming and I'm sorry. I just have to say I'm sorry that this has happened to you.