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## **First Mock Domestic Violence Trial Performed in Monmouth October 28**

**Macomb, Illinois, October 22, 2009** – Seldom do we hear the stories of sexual violence when a victim of domestic battery is a spouse or intimate partner. It is rarely reported to the police and yet is probably one of the most often committed crimes. On Wednesday, October 28, WIRC-CAA Victim Services will be sponsoring its first Mock Domestic Violence Trial. The performance will be held at 7:00 pm in the Warren County Courthouse, 301 Courtroom A.

The jury will consist of randomly chosen audience members. The cast consists of community members who for the most part are professionally connected to the criminal justice system and includes Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit the Honorable Greg McClintock; Warren County Assistant State's Attorney Scott McClintock; Henderson County State's Attorney Ray Cavanaugh; McDonough County Victim Witness Coordinator Hillary Simmons; McDonough County Sheriff's Department Detective Nick Petitgout; Warren County Circuit Clerk Denise Shreck; McDonough County State's Attorney office Intern Pavielle Foster; and McDonough District Hospital SANE Nurse Alissa Thorne.

"Victim Services is very pleased that so many individuals who work in the criminal justice system have donated their time to make the Mock Domestic Violence Trial as authentic as possible. We sincerely hope that the trial will increase the awareness of intimate partner rape and all its ramifications to the victim within the legal system," said Victim Services' Legal Advocate Becky Cox.

The mock trial was written by the domestic violence agency Neville House staff and the local State's Attorney in Bloomington, Illinois

The performance is open to the public and community members and students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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