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Retired Washington County Detective Yvette Schrock to be Honored by Northwest Arkansas Center for Sexual Assault at #MeToo Voices Event

SPRINGDALE, AR – **On June 7, 2019**, the NWA Center for Sexual Assault (Center) will honor retired Washington County Detective Yvette Schrock with its prestigious Roger Collins Beacon of Hope Award for excellence in supporting adult survivors of sexual assault. The award is part of the Center's 7th annual event designed to celebrate the strength of survivors and lift up the voices of those who support them. Formerly the *#MeToo Gala*, this year's *#MeToo Voices* event will be emceed by Jaclyn House of KNWA's Good Day NWA and will feature the moving poetry of guest speaker Noelia Young.

"We are thrilled to honor the life's work of Detective Schrock at *#MeToo Voices* at the Apollo this year. Each year our team works with numerous members of law enforcement from across our region, and Detective Schrock has always been a stand out. Her survivor-centered approach to investigations and the care with which she handled the victims we serve was deeply appreciated by our entire staff," said Anne Shelley, Executive Director of the Center.

"I truly believe if a survivor has the courage to come forward then someone needs the courage to truly listen," notes Schrock. A former Marine, Detective Schrock spent 24 years with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, 22 of which were in the Criminal Investigation Division where she specialized in sexual assault. "We're hoping many will join us to honor Detective Schrock for a life of compassionate service," adds Shelley. Chief Deputy Jay Cantrell of the Washington County Sheriff's Department will join us in honoring Detective Schrock by presenting the award.

Also joining the *#MeToo Voices* stage will be Noelia Young, a Latina poet and writer based in Fayetteville and featured in numerous venues throughout Northwest Arkansas. Young, a rape survivor, has been helping other survivors find their voice through crisis intervention (10 years with the Arkansas Crisis Center) and by telling her story through poetry. Young says she uses her story and her poetry, "To show survivors that their stories matter and that there is power and healing in finding our voice and being able to speak our truth."

The NWA Center for Sexual Assault provides FREE services in English, Spanish and Marshallese to all adult survivors including: a 24-hour crisis help line; a post-rape forensic exam clinic; individual advocacy and resources; therapeutic counseling; survivor support groups; and outreach and educational presentations to the community. Funds raised at *#MeToo Voices* will support the work of the Center.

EVENT: #MeToo Voices
DATE: Friday June 7, 2019
TIME: 6:30 pm Cocktail Hour (*music by Fetts Folly*)
7:30 pm Program
LOCATION: The Apollo on Emma
308 W Emma Avenue in Springdale
TICKETS: \$50 General Admission
\$25 Law Enforcement
INFO: beer, wine & heavy hors d'oeuvres
business casual attire



#MeToo Voices @ The Apollo on Emma 

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