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## Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Receives Grant to Help Break Down Language Barriers for Victims

DEDHAM – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announced today that his office has been awarded a Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance Grant to provide translation services for agency materials and improve language access for victims. The \$1,500 grant was awarded by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA), which is an independent state agency overseen by the Victim and Witness Assistance Board.

“The responsibility of the Sheriff’s Office is to make sure that we are serving all Norfolk County residents,” Sheriff McDermott said. “Access to translated materials builds trust between communities and helps us better serve the people of Norfolk County. This grant will help us improve services for all residents.”

The grant will help the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office support its mission of fostering a climate of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging by providing crucial information to victims in their primary languages. The NCSO’s focus on ensuring the safety of all victims and their families will be supported through this grant, which will make sure that victims are kept informed of their rights and the services available to them.

The NCSO’s Victim Services division helps inform victims about their rights and stay aware of important information regarding justice-involved individuals in the Norfolk County Correctional Facility. As a state agency, MOVA advocates for victim rights and services and provides support for agencies and providers that serve victims of crime and their families.

For more information about the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office Victim Assistance plan, visit [www.NorfolkSheriff.com/Divisions/Victim-Services](http://www.NorfolkSheriff.com/Divisions/Victim-Services). For information about the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, visit [www.Mass.gov/MOVA](http://www.Mass.gov/MOVA).

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