

Transcript of Assault Victim Vignette

Victim Service Provider (VSP): I am so sorry this has happened to you again.

Victim: I need a cigarette. You got one?

VSP: No, I don't think they let you smoke in this building anyway. I imagine it's painful for you to talk about your attack, but I'm going to be here to help you through this.

Right now, I like to help you out with this paper work. I need to get your Social Security Number and address, Charlotte.

Charlotte?

Victim: How about the corner of Beltline and Summit?

VSP: Where you were assaulted?

Victim: Yeah. Why not?

VSP: Is there a place I can take you once we are done here?

Victim: I told you, Beltline and Summit.

VSP: Can you tell me who did this to you? What happened?

Victim: I don't know. I don't remember.

VSP: I know this must be hard to talk about, but if we can fill out this paper work, then I will be able to help you get some of your medical bills paid.

Victim: I - don't - know! (A small laugh) You don't understand anything, what it's like out there.

VSP: You're right. I don't understand. What I do want to do though is to help you make sure that you're not put in this position again. There are places I can refer you, where you can get decent food and have shelter.

Victim: People like you don't know nothing! People like you don't care about a crack head. The only reason you're not here instead of me is because you got money! If I had money, I'd be living in style, too.