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*Women & Crime: Federally Sentenced Women  
“Safe Cities” series continues on Rogers TV*

Waterloo Region – As part of a ten-part television series on issues related to crime, victimization and fear of crime, the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council presents the fourth installment of “Safe Cities” this **Wednesday, December 23 at 9:00pm** on Rogers TV, Cable 20, as part of the channel’s prime time program, *Talk Local*, with host Mike Farwell.

This month “Safe Cities” will investigate the topic of **Women & Crime: Federally Sentenced Women**, as Waterloo Region is home to Grand Valley Institution for Women -one of only six federal prisons for women in Canada. Topics for discussion will include understanding the risks and consequences for these women; the role of the prison system; what barriers and challenges do these women face; what programs are available for successful rehabilitation and reintegration; and what our collective responsibility is as a community.

The guest panel will include **David Dick**, Warden, Grand Valley Institution for Women; **Marion Evans**, Past-Chair Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee and former GVI staff; **Julie Thompson**, Community Justice Initiatives; and **Heather Kerr**, Stonehenge Treatment Centre.

**About “Safe Cities”**

“Safe Cities” features local crime prevention topics and best practices, provides a panel discussion with local experts and offers an opportunity for viewers to call in with questions or comments. Each topic of discussion will also showcase local organizations or programs that are key contributors to making Waterloo Region a safe community.

If you missed it the first time around, **Rogers TV will re-broadcast the first four episodes** in the “Safe Cities” series as a part of their holiday schedule on **Monday, December 28, 2009 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm** - only on Rogers TV, Cable 20.

- Crime Prevention 101: Understanding Crime (orig. airdate Sept. 30)
- Drugs, Alcohol & Crime (orig. airdate Oct. 28)
- Children & Crime: Risks and Resiliencies (orig. airdate Nov. 25)
- Women & Crime: Risks and Consequences (orig. airdate Dec. 23)

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**About Talk Local**

Talk Local on Rogers TV, Cable 20 offers frank talk about today's regional issues. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night at 9:00 p.m., join host Mike Farwell as he tackles the tough, local issues of the day with a roundtable forum of local politicians, business leaders, activists and concerned citizens. Viewers weigh in with their opinions and questions by phone, email, or the Talk Local web poll.

**About the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council**

The Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council works collaboratively to reduce and prevent crime, victimization and fear of crime. It is an advisory committee to the Region of Waterloo and consists of 39 members representing the community-at-large, social services, education, health, planning, justice, police, and community agencies among others.

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