

# LUMMI VICTIMS OF CRIME

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NATIONAL  
**HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

January is  
**NATIONAL STALKING  
AWARENESS MONTH**

## Bringing Awareness to Lummi

### NATIONAL STATISTICS

**Human trafficking** is the practice of exploiting adults and children for use as commodities, or objects, in conditions of sexual and labor servitude.

24.9 million people are victims of forced labor.

16 million people are trafficked for forced labor in the private economy. (Private economy includes: private individuals, groups, or companies in all sectors except the commercial sex industry).

4.8 million people are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation.

4.1 million people are trafficked for forced labor in state-imposed forced labor. **It is estimated that 20.9 million people are trafficked worldwide.**

Women and girls are disproportionately affected by human trafficking, accounting for 71% of all victims. (ILO, 2017)

**Stalking:** is conservatively defined as "a course of conduct directed at a specific person that involves repeated (two or more occasions) visual or physical proximity, nonconsensual communication, or verbal, written, or implied threats, or a combination thereof, that would cause a reasonable person fear.

Over 25 million people have experienced stalking in their lifetime. Around 7.5 million people experience stalking each year.

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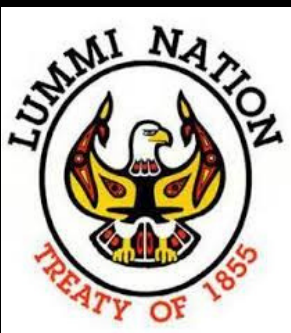
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FEATURING OUR  
VERY OWN  
LEGAL TEAM

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## Meet the LVOC Legal Team

MAKENZI WEYMER & KENDRA KELLY

Makenzi has been a part of the LVOC family since March of 2016. Raised in Whatcom County, Makenzi graduated from Western Washington University. While attending law school, Makenzi practiced in various Tribal courts in Eastern Washington and Idaho where she developed her love of Tribal Law. It is that love of Tribal Law that brought her back to Whatcom County to work for the Lummi Nation serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and child abuse. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Makenzi worked for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts in Orlando, Florida. Makenzi lives with her family, her two dogs and her grumpy old cat in Bellingham.

Kendra L. Kelly became a member of the LVOC team in January 2019. She was born and raised in Houston, Texas but moved to Washington State in 2010 to be close to her grandparents and extended family. Kendra's great grandfather on her mother's side, Nels Bruseth, worked for the forest service in Darrington, Washington, and raised a family there. Nels was close to the people of the Stillaguamish and Sauk-Suiattle Tribes and believed that it was important to help preserve their histories and heritages, so he wrote a book called *Indian Stories & Legends of the Stillaguamish, Sauk & Allied Tribes* (1926). Kendra attended Hofstra Law School in Nassau County, New York, and graduated with her JD in 2006. She obtained her license to practice law in the State of New York in 2007, and obtained her license to practice law in the State of Washington in 2014. Her focus is in family law and domestic violence advocacy, and she has worked as a volunteer with LAW Advocates in Bellingham, Washington since 2012.

**A note from Kendra: " It has been a pleasure to work for the Lummi Nation and to get to know it's wonderful people and their cultural traditions. Working for Lummi Victims of Crime has allowed me to do something that means a lot to me - helping victims get protection through the court system, for themselves and their children."**

Poetry  
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# Sparkling her own Flame

PIERRE ALEX JEANTY

Sometimes you're the one who needs to give yourself the "better" you say that you deserve. Sometimes you're the one who needs to stop taking your kind heart for granted, and cherish this gift of love that lives within.



Attention Lummi: LVOC is looking for Poets who would like to submit their pieces to be featured in our Newsletters!!! Let us know if that is something you would like to do. You can call our office phone number or text/call Adrina at (360)595-5644.



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Fax (360) 380-6974

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