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a national database on an unrelated case. By the time his first victim's sexual assault kit was tested in 2012, he'd assaulted four more women. In 2014, he was sentenced to life in prison.

"Yes, it is an embarrassment," county prosecutor Kym Worthy says of these cases. "It shows that we, as this country, do not respect rape victims to the extent that we respect other victims."

Her office is now working with the Michigan Women's Foundation and the Detroit Crime Commission to raise money to complete the testing and investigation of kits and bring suspects to trial.

"These results are coming very fast and furious," she adds. "Because we don't have the staff of investigators and prosecutors ... in essence we're developing another backlog."

Lisa Bloom, a lawyer, author and TV legal analyst, said while fundraising is a worthy pursuit, it reveals something about the priorities of a justice system where money is always found to prosecute prostitutes and drug crimes. "Women's lives are not worth a grand, apparently," she wrote in an online commentary. "Want to lock up rapists? Hey, have a bake sale!"

Partnership for Affordable Housing



PHOTO BY JERRY FOSTER

The Partnership For Affordable Housing held a meet and greet from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 2 at Billy Webb Elks Lodge on North Tillamook Street. PAH is a group of housing organizations working together to advocate citywide for affordable homeownership resources. Pictured here are representatives from PAH's member organizations: Jeff Engles, Asian & Pacific Islander Community Improvement Association; Felicia Tripp, Portland Housing Center; Dianne Linn, Proud Ground; Andrea Debnam, Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative; Steve Messinetti, Habitat for Humanity Portland Metro/East; Loretta Kelly, Native American Youth and Family Center; Cheryl Roberts, African American Alliance for Homeownership; Carlos Garcia, Hacienda CDC.

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