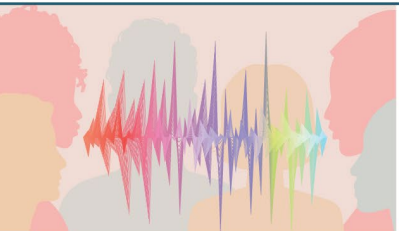


“The impact of crime isn’t stagnant. It continues to change as the shock wears off and the reality of finality sinks slowly in.”



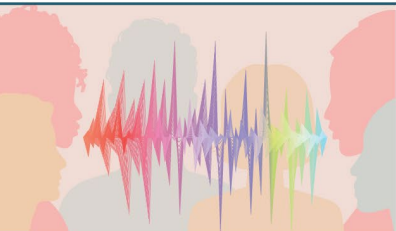
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“For eleven and a half years, I have waited for an outcome, a resolution, accountability. Now that the trial has concluded, the assumption is that I will know closure. For me, true closure is, and always will be unattainable.”



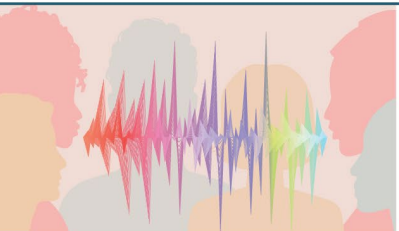
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“Sometimes I’m fine but other times the strangest things trigger fear and anxiety. When I hear anyone shouting, for any reason, I am anxious and want to get to some place safe.”



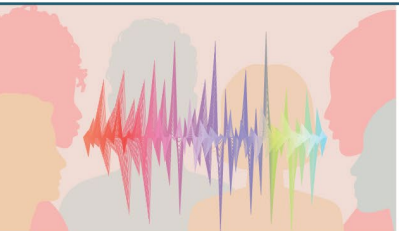
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“The items that were taken can be replaced, but the loss of feeling safe in once home can never be replaced.”



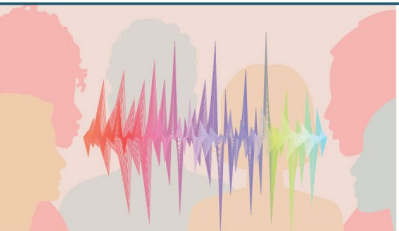
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“Ang takot at pangamba ko ay nandito pa rin sa aking kalooban. May mga gabi na nababangungot ako tuwing naalala ko ang pangyayari. Pilit ko mang limutin pero mahirap iwaksi.”



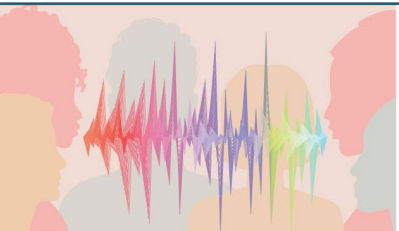
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“I guess that when you experience something like this you fear that when you have a daughter the same might happen. You become too overprotective of those you love as a result.”



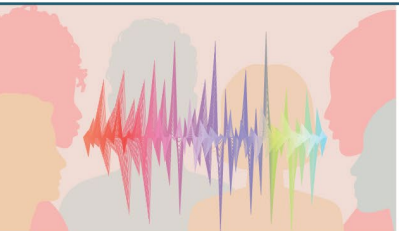
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“If anyone hearing this statement cannot relate to me, I ask that you try and put yourselves in my position. Almost everyone in this room may have a friend, a daughter, a relative, a wife or a romantic partner who they can think of when referring to this case. Whichever sentencing you decide on will certainly not make the past disappear, but I hope that the defendant is held accountable and will understand that there are consequences to his actions.”



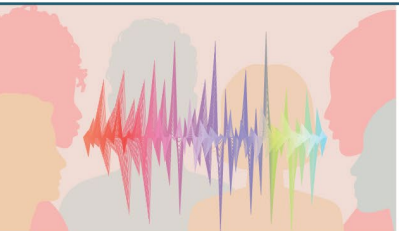
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“Quiero una vida mejor para mis hijos.”



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