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## **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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### **City of Kearney Hires New Director of Victim/Witness**

JoAnn Andersen began employment as the Victim/Witness Director for the Kearney Police Department on January 4, 2016. Ms. Andersen has been employed with the City of Kearney for three years, most recently as the Community Affairs Coordinator. Prior to her work in local government, Ms. Andersen was employed as a Legal Advocate for the Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors in Columbus, NE.

Ms. Andersen received her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2008 and her Domestic Violence Instructor Certification from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 2010. Ms. Andersen is actively involved in the community, serving on the Residential Assistance to Families in Transition (RAFT) Board of Directors and the Young Professionals Network (YPN) Board of Directors. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and participating in recreational sports.

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