

Vera House worker appears in state training video with 'Law & Order' star

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Syracuse, NY — Actress Mariska Hargitay helps fictional victims of sexual assault in episodes of “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.”

Anne Galloway of Camillus works with real victims in the traumatic early hours following a sexual assault in her duties as a sexual assault examiner.

The actress and the Vera House worker appear in a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services video training doctors and nurses in the use of a sexual assault evidence collection kit, commonly called a rape kit.

Last year the state asked Galloway, who is the director of the sexual assault examiner program at Vera House, and other exam-



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ANNE GALLOWAY, who works with Vera House, will appear in a training video with “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit” star Mariska Hargitay.

iners to audition to be the video’s narrator. The video is part of a new kit being distributed to emergency departments statewide.

“I am honored and humbled to play a supporting role to Anne Galloway and the other dedicated professionals who offer both their clinical skills and deep compassion to victims of sexual assault,”

said Hargitay, who is also a trained rape crisis counselor. “They are the real stars of this show.”

Hargitay introduces the 40-minute video which Galloway narrates.

Galloway said she is honored to be a part of the video. “It is a role all providers take very seriously, and we want very much to do it correctly,” she said.