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## Welcome to Anchorage

Thousands of our rural residents will converge on Anchorage to participate in Fur Rondy activities: the Native arts and crafts exhibit, the blanket toss, the sled dog races, the Musicale and a variety of activities. This is a chance to watch and play basketball, visit old friends and make new ones.

Hundreds will be networking at the small business conference, too.

But villagers and others should be reminded not to be too trusting of strangers. Do not show them your cash or wallet, guard your purses. Be careful of who you invite to your hotel rooms. Natives are all too often victims of violent crime: assault, robbery and other types of incidents.

When Natives are victims, the police and justice systems do not seem to give even cursory attention or priority to their cases. Whether it's rape, theft or even murder, crimes against Natives, individually or as a group do not seem receive investigators' and the district attorneys' time. Be careful.