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INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU MEMORANDUM NO. 08-2

SUBJECT: Orders of Protection/Domestic Violence Victim Services

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clear information about how and where victims of domestic violence can obtain Orders of Protection and other victim services.

I. Orders of Protection

A. Orders of Protection can be obtained via the following locations during business hours:

- Jackson County Courthouse (816-881-3974, 415 E. 12th Street, KCMO 64106)
- Platte County Courthouse (816-858-2232, 415 3rd Street, Platte City, MO 64079)
- Clay County Courthouse (816-407-3900, 11 S. Water Street, Liberty, MO 64068)
- Cass County Courthouse (816-380-8232, 102 E. Wall Street, Harrisonville, MO 64701)
- Independence Missouri Courthouse (816-881-4555, 308 W. Kansas, Indep. MO 64050)
- Rose Brooks Center (816-861-6100)
- Hope House (816-461-4188)

B. After-Hour/Emergency Orders of Protection (between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., weekends and holidays) can be obtained by calling the following for information:

- Rose Brooks Center (816-861-6100)
- Hope House (816-461-4188)
- North Patrol Division Desk Sergeant [Clay County Orders Only] (816-234-5540, 1001 N. Barry Road, KCMO 64154)

II. Additional Resources

A. Shelter. The Adult Abuse Hotline (816-HOTLINE/816-468-5463) is the citywide telephone number to be called for all shelter assistance, safety planning and additional resources available. The following shelters rotate staffing the hotline on a daily basis: Rose Brooks, New House, Hope House, Safehaven (Synergy), Safehome and the Joyce Williams Center. Considerations for placement within a shelter include bed availability and distance from the abuser.

B. Medical Assistance/Advocate Activation. If a victim is transported to an area hospital for medical treatment, the medical personnel can activate advocates of the Bridge Program to provide services. The Bridge program is a crisis intervention program for victims of domestic violence. Advocates meet with victim/patients privately while they are in the hospital and will provide the following services:

- Listen and support
- Legal resources, such as Orders of Protection
- Help the victim and children find a safe place to stay
- Support groups and other counseling services
- Ongoing support and connection to other community resources

The Bridge program is operational within the following Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area hospitals:

- Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics (2401 Gillham Road, KCMO 64108; 501 N.W. Barry Road, KCMO 64155; 5808 W. 100th, OPKS 66211)
- North Kansas City Hospital (2800 Clay Edwards Drive, North Kansas City, MO 64114)
- Research Medical Center (2316 E. Meyer Blvd. KCMO 64132)
- Saint Joseph Health Center (1000 Carondelet Drive, KCMO 64114)
- Saint Luke's Hospital (4401 Wornall, KCMO 64111)
- Saint Luke's Northland Hospital (5830 N.W. Barry Road, KCMO 64154)
- Saint Luke's Smithville Campus (601 S. 169 Highway, Smithville, MO 64089)
- Truman Medical Center Hospital Hill (2301 Holmes Street, KCMO 64108)
- The University of Kansas Hospital (3901 Rainbow Blvd. KCKS 66160)

C. The Domestic Violence Section is staffed with a grant-supported Victim Advocate from the Rose Brooks Center, to assist in application for Orders of Protection and guidance for victims. During business hours this advocate can be contacted at 816-234-5512.

D. The Kansas City Missouri Police Department is staffed with a department wide victim advocate. Services to victims include referrals and victim compensation assistance. The KCPD Advocate, Supervisor Jennifer Miller, is available around the clock and can be contacted at 816-234-5205.

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