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Re: Information about Family and Intimate Partner Violence

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office remains committed to ensuring dedicated resources are available and provided to victims of family violence, intimate partner violence and sexual violence.

Our office is working with the court, defense bar, local law enforcement and other system and community partners to carefully balance the needs of public health and public safety.

We know that the risks of violence in the household may increase during this public health emergency. As more states and cities start to restrict public movement to limit the spread of COVID-19, community members, but women in particular, may become trapped in their homes with abusers and further isolated from the people and resources in place to help them.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, our system and community based partners are prepared to work with survivors of family violence, intimate partner violence and sexual violence. We are quickly developing new strategies to support crime victims in a dedicated and meaningful way to ensure their rights as crime victims.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit continues to review and prosecute cases of family violence, intimidate partner violence and sexual violence. Likewise, our Victim's Assistance Program stands ready to help survivors with safety planning and getting survivors resources as quickly and as safely as possible.

We also recognize that community members, right now, may be trying to leave their abusive relationships in fear that more restrictive 'stay-at-home' orders are imposed. The District Attorney's Office supports community members wishing to leave their abusive and dangerous relationships and encourages those people to utilize the crisis phone numbers below to seek guidance and shelter.

To continue to protect victims during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Multnomah County Circuit Court will continue to:

- Review Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) applications, Immediate Danger Petitions and Stalking Protective Orders.
- Conduct in-custody violation of restraint orders (VRO) and in-custody Support Enforcement matters.
- Hold contested restraining order hearings.
- Hold Immediate Danger motions hearings.

Due to COVID-19, Multnomah County Circuit Court is only accepting FAPA applications, Immediate Danger Petitions and Stalking Protective Orders at the Multnomah County Justice Center at 1120 Southwest 3rd Avenue in Portland, Oregon.

Please note: These protective orders were previously obtained inside the Multnomah County Circuit Courthouse in Room 211. Effective March 13, 2020, these matters are now being handled at the Justice Center.

Additionally:

- The court will conduct in-custody violation of restraining orders (VRO) and in-custody support enforcement matters.
- **Restraining order applications and immediate danger motions will be accepted at the Justice Center before noon each day.**
- Contested restraining order hearings will be scheduled and parties will be sent notice with the date, time and location.
- Immediate danger motions will be heard at 1:15 each day at the Justice Center. If a hearing is requested, parties will be notified and sent notice with the date, time and location of the hearing. Specially assigned cases will be scheduled through the assigned judge.
- All cases which are on the Trial Assignment docket between today and April 30 will be re-set and notices will be sent. There will be no Trial Assignment docket.
- All other matters currently set on a judge's calendar between today and April 30 will be re-set and notices will be sent.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will continue to support victims of family violence, intimate partner violence or sexual violence during this unprecedented time. No matter your situation, help is available.

Our law enforcement partners, including the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Gresham Police Department have all pledged to continue dedicated and immediate responses and resources to investigate family violence, intimate partner violence and sexual violence.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic violence, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

In life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1.

Important Note to our Community: The Multnomah County Circuit Court, due to a Level III restriction order signed by the Oregon Chief Justice, no longer has enough staff to operate some, if not all, of its public phone lines. The Court has established an email for the public: Mul.Familylaw@ojd.state.or.us.

In addition to the resources provided below, you may also call the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at 503-988-3162 or our Victim's Assistance Program at 503-988-3222. We recognize that e-mail communications may not be safe or secure, especially if that communication can be monitored by an abuser.

We will do everything in our power to assist you to the best of our ability during the court's reduced staffing levels.

Local Domestic Violence Resources

- [Call to Safety](#)
- [Bradley Angle](#)
- [Raphael House](#)
- [Gateway Center](#)