

NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

It is a crime for any person to cause you any physical injury or harm, EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD.

You may report family violence to a law enforcement officer by calling the following numbers:

If you, your child or any other household resident has been injured or if you feel you are going to be in danger after a law enforcement officer investigating family violence leaves your residence or at later time, you have a right to:

Ask the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person committing family violence; and

Apply to a court for an order to protect you. You may want to consult with a legal aid office, a prosecuting attorney or a private attorney. A court can enter an order that:

- (1) prohibits the abuser from committing further acts of violence;
- (2) prohibits the abuser from threatening, harassing or contacting you at home;
- (3) directs the abuser to leave your household; and
- (4) establishes temporary custody of the children or any property.

A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF COURT-ORDERED PROTECTION MAY BE A FELONY.

CALL THE FOLLOWING VIOLENCE SHELTERS OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS IF YOU NEED PROTECTION: