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Mr. Collin Sims
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Re: Domestic Violence Cases

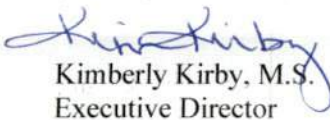
Dear Mr. Sims:

On behalf of Safe Harbor and the victims we serve, I respectfully request that all domestic violence cases in St. Tammany Parish be handled at the Covington Office. Safe Harbor along with your office, law enforcement agencies, and other core agencies in this parish have worked diligently to form and implement a Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT), that changed the way in how we respond to domestic violence cases. As a group we have taken great strides to make changes that have shown to be successful in addressing domestic violence. Since the CCRT model was implemented the impact has been noticeable throughout the community.

Safe Harbor's mission is to provide victims with options to increase and enhance their safety while encouraging offender accountability. Victims are more willing to cooperate if they feel safe. I believe this model provides the process in which our collaborative resources can be brought to all cases if they are handled by one office in a uniform and consistent manner.

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Kirby, M.S.
Executive Director

