SCURRY COUNTY SHERRIF’S OFFICE

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**NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE**

NO ONE DESERVES TO BE A VICTIM 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.

 **Please tell the investigating peace officer:**

 If you, your child, or any other household resident has been injured; or

 If you feel you are going to be in danger when the officers leave or later.

You have the right:

 If the abuser is arrested, to request an Emergency Protective Order from the officer or judge that is good for 31-61 days. This must be done before the abuser is released from jail.

To be notified before the abuser is released from jail.

To ask the officer to file a criminal complaint against the person committing family violence.

To apply to a court for an order to protect you (you should consult a legal aid office, a prosecuting attorney or a private attorney, or local family violence shelter). For example, a court can enter an order that;

(1) the abuser not commit further acts of violence;

 (2) the abuser not threaten, harass, or come to your home or place of employment;

(3) directs the abuser to leave your household; and

(4) establishes temporary custody of the children and directs the abuser not to interfere with the children or any property.

A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF COURT-ORDERED PROTECTION (such as (1) and (2) above) is a CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

Call the following violence shelters or social organizations if you need a place to stay, protection, legal referrals, or crime victims compensation assistance.

**Snyder** **Abilene**

Gateway Family Services The Noah Project, Inc.

P.O. Box 1394 P.O. Box 875

Snyder, Texas 79550 Abilene, Texas 79601

(325) 573-1822 (325)676-7107

For more information concerning shelters in other areas call the number listed below

**National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233**