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**District Attorney Michael Dougherty Issues Advisory and Resources For
Those Are Suffering Abuse During COVID-19**

While our community takes important and necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, some members of our community are at greater risk due to the stay-at-home orders and social distancing measures. Due to isolation and economic uncertainty that exist due to the pandemic, underlying stressors leading to domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse may worsen during this time.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty advises Boulder County community members that law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, medical professionals, and local non-profits in Boulder County remain available to assist those in need. The District Attorney's Office encourages the community to remain vigilant in identifying and reporting abuse, while offering support to those suffering from abuse in the home.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "At this time of isolation and elevated stress, victims of domestic violence and abuse are particularly at risk because they may be trapped at home with their abuser. We strongly encourage victims of abuse to reach out to us for help. For community members, it is important to check in with loved ones and friends. Our office is providing resource information for community members to share and use when necessary."

The Community Protection Division (CPD) of the District Attorney's Office has created the attached flyer to provide information to the community of resources available at this time. The District Attorney's Office remains committed to serving and protecting the community 24/7 during the COVID-19 pandemic.