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MILITARY SPOUSE CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Shreveport, La. - Stephanie A. Finley, United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, announced that Katherine E. Carpenter, 30, of Hickory Grove, South Carolina, was convicted today of domestic abuse battery. As a result of this conviction, Carpenter received a six-month suspended sentence and was ordered to complete 32 hours of court-approved community service and a domestic abuse program.

Carpenter is a military spouse living in Bossier City, La. The Bill of Information states that on September 15, 2011, security officers responded to Carpenter's residence in reference to a domestic abuse complaint. There, officers found that Carpenter had physically abused her five-year-old son. This was the third such complaint in a matter of months.

"We will continue to prosecute cases like this. Our office, along with the help of our law enforcement partners, stand ready to do what we can to protect families and children affected by domestic violence," says U. S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley.

This case was investigated by Department of the Air Force, 2nd Security Forces Squadron, and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Nicole O. Snyder.

If you are a victim of a domestic violence crime, the following agencies exist to help.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline, www.ndvh.org, 1-800-799-SAFE
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1-303-839-1852

- National Center for Victims of Crime, www.ncvc.org, 1-800-FYI-CALL
- National Organization for Victim Assistance, www.trynova.org, 1-800-TRY-NOVA

LOCAL ASSISTANCE:

- Emergency: 911
- Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-888-411-1333 - (24 hour statewide access to free and confidential help and information for victims and their family and friends).

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