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## U.S. Attorney Makes Presentation in Wheeling on *Stop Domestic Violence Training Tour*

**WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA** — United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, made a presentation on the *2010-2011 Stop Domestic Violence Training Tour* in Wheeling on February 3, 2011.

Employees of Ohio County Victim Assistance and the YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program made time in their schedules for the *Stop Domestic Violence Training*.



Front row, from Left to Right: John Nardone, Visitation Monitor; Sheri Horvath, Legal Advocate; Trish Flanigan, Interim Program Director; Michelle Harriman, Child Advocate

Back row, from Left to Right: U. S. Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II; Donna Clark, Teen Dating Violence Prevention Advocate, John Marshall High School; Jennifer Gruber, Ohio County Victim Assistance Program Coordinator; Kortny Hilson, Teen Dating Violence Prevention Advocate, Wheeling Park High School; Cammie Pickens, Marshall County Legal Advocate; Karyn Daniels, Racial Justice Cultural Specific Advocate; Carolyn Dominguez, Shelter Advocate

The training provided by USA Ihlenfeld, which coincides with “Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month,” is an opportunity to express to the advocates the importance that the United States Attorney’s Office places on prosecuting cases involving Interstate Domestic Violence, Interstate Stalking, Interstate Violations of Protective Orders, and Federal Firearms Laws.

One issue that was discussed during the training was in regard to the dangers of dating violence. According to USA Ihlenfeld, February is Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, which is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in youth relationships and promote programs that prevent it during the month. “Teen dating violence has serious repercussions, as it hurts not just the young people victimized but also their families, friends, schools and communities. Teens and young adults

**experience the same types of abuse in relationships as adults do, including physical abuse, emotional abuse, and sexual abuse,” said USA Ihlenfeld.**

**USA Ihlenfeld plans to visit schools in the Northern Panhandle in the spring to educate students about teen dating violence and what can be done to avoid it.**

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