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## U.S. Attorney Continues his *Stop Domestic Violence Training Tour*



(Left to Right):  
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Angela Rosser, Communication Specialist;  
Sue Julian, Team Coordinator; and  
Tonia Thomas, Team Coordinator

**BRIDGEPORT, WEST VIRGINIA — United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, participated in the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Board of Directors Meeting on January 13, 2011, in Bridgeport, West Virginia, in conjunction with National Stalking Awareness Month. The meeting was the second stop on the 2010-2011 *Stop Domestic Violence Training Tour* that he launched in November 2010.**

Team Coordinators Sue Julian and Tonia Thomas, with the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, hosted the statewide event at the Bridgeport Conference Center where USA Ihlenfeld provided training on federal domestic violence laws. The meeting provided the forum for Ihlenfeld to reach out to the advocates that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and let them know how much they are appreciated, as well as expressing to the advocates the importance that the United States Attorney's Office places on prosecuting cases involving Interstate Domestic Violence, Interstate Stalking, and Interstate Violations of Protective Orders, and Federal Firearms Laws.

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**The training being provided by Ihlenfeld will continue throughout the month and coincides with National Stalking Awareness Month. “This year we are challenging West Virginians to fight stalking by learning more about it,” said Ihlenfeld. “Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts and a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear. Stalking may take many forms, such as assaults, threats, vandalism, burglary, or animal abuse, as well as unwanted emails, text messages, cards, calls, gifts, or visits. Communities in our state that understand stalking can better support victims and combat the crime.”**

**The Stop Domestic Violence Training Tour will make stops in Martinsburg, Keyser, Elkins, Morgantown, Parkersburg, and Wheeling. Later in the year Ihlenfeld plans to visit colleges in the Northern District of West Virginia to educate students about the dangers of dating violence.**

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