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**STATE'S ATTORNEY JAMES A. DELLMYER ANNOUNCES
CREATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**

ELKTON- In partnership with County Executive Danielle Hornberger, State's Attorney James A. Dellmyer is pleased to announce the creation of the new Domestic Violence division. The funding for this new division was made possible by the Fiscal Year 2022 budget which begins today, July 1st. The Domestic Violence division, a sub-division within the Special Victims Unit, will focus on aiding survivors of domestic violence through the criminal justice process. The new division includes an Assistant State's Attorney and a specially dedicated victim advocate. County Executive Danielle Hornberger commented, "Domestic violence can effect anyone, young or old, male or female, married or single. It is my absolute priority to make sure the justice system treats victims of domestic violence fairly and with respect. I am very happy to partner with State's Attorney James Dellmyer on such an important initiative for Cecil County."

Each case that comes across the desks of the prosecutors and support staff alike are given high priority; from misdemeanor traffic charges to first degree felony charges. However, over time the Office has learned that domestic violence cases require a specialized approach. As a result, State's Attorney James A. Dellmyer sought out a division dedicated to this approach both in prosecution and advocacy.

State's Attorney James A. Dellmyer offered: "The creation of this division is the next step forward in implementing best practices when prosecuting domestic violence cases. The surge in domestic violence cases created by the pandemic highlighted this need. Thank you to County Executive Hornberger and her Administration for supporting the Office's expansion in the creation of the Domestic Violence division."