

Press Release

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Topic: Domestic Abuse Awareness

Norristown, Montgomery County, PA – January 30, 2015 – Montgomery County Prothonotary Mark Levy is reminding people that Super Bowl Sunday is a day of cheerful gathering; however, it is possible to also be a day of unfortunate domestic abuse.

“For a variety of reasons, the ugliness of domestic abuse could potentially occur on Super Bowl Sunday,” Levy said. “If it should touch your life, the county’s Prothonotary Office stands ready to help.”

The Prothonotary Office processes Protection from Abuse Filings, also known as a “PFA”. Since Levy took office as Prothonotary of Montgomery County, the time to process a PFA has drastically been reduced from an all-day event to about one hour. Levy wants the filing procedure to be as swift and as effortless as possible.

“Domestic abuse is never the answer,” he said. “It is best to just walk away, rather than face confrontations with a spouse or others.”

Anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse can call the Prothonotary Office at 610-278-1191 or come directly to the PFA Department of the Prothonotary Office located on the First Floor of the Courthouse in Norristown. Filings are accepted from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Emergency PFA Filings may be started at any District Magistrate’s Office on evenings from 4:00 pm until 8:30 am, and weekends starting at 4:00 pm Friday through 8:30 am Monday. The Emergency PFA phone number is 610-275-1222. Ask for the District Justice on call.

“I would rather help prevent abuse than process it,” said Levy.