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THE WEAPONIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

9:00am-1:00pm (*doors open at 8:30am for coffee and conversation*)

HARBOR VIEW CONFERENCE ROOM, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable Village, MA

PART I: Presented by Steven Bradley, Safety and Technology Expert, OurFamilyWizard.com

OVERVIEW: As advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement investigators and service providers, we know that batters use whatever means available to abuse, harass, stalk, and monitor victims. Today technology has provided batterers with tools to accomplish these tasks without even having to leave their computer chairs. In this interactive workshop, Steven Bradley will explore the risks and benefits of technology for victims. Attendees will learn safety planning and evidence collection strategies for phone technology, location apps and social networking sites. Non-technical language will be used to describe the privacy levels of each area and how to safely navigate the world of technology.

PART II: Presented by ADA Alexandra Halprin Isaacs, Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office

OVERVIEW: A discussion of the ways in which technology is used to further victimize domestic violence survivors in the courtroom setting. Highlighting methods employed by abusers to continue to intimidate, harass, and abuse survivors from the time they report the abuse until trial. Topics will include requests by abusers for access to the entirety of the victim's personal content within their phones as well as social media credentials, phone records and cell site location information. Additionally, tactics employed by abusers to discredit victim's testimony or keep them off the stand entirely by exploiting their phone content, use of cash apps, or through misinterpretation of the wiretap statute, and updated technology and recent legislation created to protect victims against further exploitation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES Upon completion of this workshop, attendees will be able to:

1. List three types of technology used to monitor, harass and abuse survivors of domestic violence,
2. Describe evidence collection strategies for text messages and social networking posts,
3. Identify eight strategies for safety planning around technology, and
4. List the top three security settings for mobile devices.
5. Describe tactics used by abusers to discredit testimony or keep victims off the stand.
6. Identify recent legislation created to protect victims against further exploitation.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Law Enforcement, Officers and Investigators, Advocates, Prosecutors and Service Providers who work with and for survivors and anyone who wishes to learn more about the weaponization of technology.

REGISTER NOW: SPACE IS LIMITED:

Registration is required. If you receive a "Registration Closed" message, this means we have reached capacity and are unable to accept more registrants.

https://tinyurl.com/weaponization-of-technology

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