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Family violence, a recurring problem

By Julian Moore, Colorado County Attorney

You may have noticed, in reading the County Court dispositions in the newspaper, the following notation during the last few months, "Defendant pled guilty and was placed on a two year probation and assessed a \$2,000 fine (\$1,500 of which was probated pending defendant's successful completion of Anger Management Counseling)". Maybe you have wondered what the deal is with those.

One of the recurring problems in our communities has been family violence. Such episodes of parent-child and spouse-on-spouse abuse often lead to court orders being issued for the protection of the family; and the filing of a criminal charge.

The criminal charge, most often in such cases, is a Class A misdemeanor assault. This charge carries a maximum penalty of a year in the county jail or a fine up to \$4,000 or both fine and jail. Probation may be granted.

Once upon a time, in the not so distant past in Texas, it was not even a crime for a man to assault his wife. In the more recent past, spousal abuse may have been a crime, but it could not be proven by the other spouse's testimony. That is, the victim had a privilege to not testify.

The practical result of this situation was that an individual charged with committing assault, family violence, or threats against their spouse could intimidate the spouse or other witnesses into changing their statements or scaring them into not testifying at all at trial.

This doesn't work anymore.

More recent changes in the state law have allowed the State of Texas the right to compel the victim-spouse to testify in such cases. The fact that the State can compel the spouse to testify removes intimidation as a factor.

So how does your county attorney handle these situations?

First and foremost, the position of our office and law enforcement in

general, is that family violence will not be tolerated. Gone are the days when officers would be called out every weekend to the same residence in response to an assault; only to have the victim "drop charges" later on.

We recently had an individual who went to the penitentiary many years ago for rape. He was on death row for five years. When that sentence was commuted to life, he became eligible for parole and was on the streets of our communities.

In 1992, he was indicted on aggravated sexual assault, a charge which could and would have revoked his parole but the female victim requested that "the case not be prosecuted".

In 1995, this office received a Class A assault charge against this individual, and lo and behold, the victim (the same female as the 1992 case) did not want to testify, again.

Our position of not tolerating this behavior or accepting the victim's reluctance to testify resulted in a guilty plea and the subject's probation being revoked back to the Texas Department of Corrections.

While we do not tolerate violence, we also do not set out to incarcerate husbands and wives, fathers and mothers in jail. We want the violence to stop. We want the people involved to get help. The County Attorney's office searched and found a solution.

Walker and Associates Counseling in Columbus has a program which we have found helpful. It is a 26-week anger management group program. Sharon Walker refers to their method as "therapeutic, focusing on resocialization rather than anger control".

Topics covered in the group sessions include anger control, stress reduction, relaxation techniques, self-esteem, sex roles and stereotypes, sex education, relationship skills, tolerance of human differences, conflict management and resolution, past abuse issues, grief/loss work, devel-

oping effective social support systems, substance abuse and parenting.

This office wants to encourage all family violence offenders into such a program. Therefore, our recommended punishment in such cases is to put the offender on two years of probation (this keeps the offender from going directly to jail, provided they obey the terms of their probation). We recommend a \$2,000 fine, but we agree that the offender will not have to pay most of it (up to \$1,500 in some cases) if they successfully complete the Anger Management Program.

The results of this approach have been good. For the offender who wants to stop their bad actions and get help, we facilitate that desire. We do not incarcerate and we limit the fine to a minimum, provided the offender gets the counseling.

On the other hand, for those who are unrepentant, who cannot or will not accept help of this sort, the program leaves the door open to hard time in jail and the \$2,000 fine.

Our policy then is: get help or go to jail. Either way, the violence must stop! We do our best to see that it does.

Another tool available to the victim of family violence is a protective order. There have been changes in the law in this area in the last few years, and we will devote an entire column to protective orders in the near future.

One thing that ought to be done, and is done in many cases, is that when someone is arrested on a charge involving family violence, the justice of the peace who magistrates the arrested individual on the charge may place the victim under a protective order on a one-month, emergency basis.

Anyone having questions about family violence counseling or related questions are encouraged to call County Attorney John Julian Moore, 409-732-8203; or drop by the second floor of the Colorado County Courthouse for a personal visit.

Kids

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King bedding; two children's place settings from Mikasa and 10 free passes to River Bridge Safari, plus more.

Children may begin registering to win these prizes one week prior to the event. Winner's names will be drawn and announced during a 10 a.m. to noon KODA Sunny 99.1 radio remote at the "Kids Check" event.

All activities are free of charge and open to the public. "Kids Check" events are slated for 31 Horizon Outlet Centers across the country throughout the month of Aug. to promote education in children's health and safety. Anyone interested in a full schedule or more information can call 885-3200.

Police

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Bill Lattimore was dispatched to Railroad Avenue in reference to an assault. A report was filed, but the complainant did not want to file charges.

At 1:11 p.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to the police department to meet with a complainant in reference to a deadly conduct charge, and later submitted a report.

At 1:47 p.m., Officer Ochoa received several 911 calls. Charges are pending on abuse of 911 against a juvenile suspect.

On July 28, at 10:16 p.m., Officer Risk received a disturbance call on East C Street which resulted in a subject later being issued a criminal trespass warning. Rudy Reynaldo Flores was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, processed at the police department, then transported to CDC for confinement.

Commissioners

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seconded by Seifert, but Commissioners Johnnie Elstner and Tommy Hahn voted against the motion.

County Judge Vince Slominski cast the vote to break the tie and grant the pay increase.

"He (Jordan) works 70 to 80 hours a week and supervises nearly 90 employees. He also has brought about \$96,000 in grant funds for the purchase of ambulances and pagers to the County in 1997. He's also been instrumental in the County obtaining advanced life support," said Slominski.

"Based on that, he was awarded the increase. I think that was the feelings of the ones that voted for the motion."

In other business, the Court:

- Adopted a resolution of support for a new building for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District;
- Received an update on the City of Eagle Lake's quest for an adult prison facility;
- Approved amendments to the Colorado County Basic Emergency Management Plan;
- Approved an interlocal cooperation contract between the County and Lower Colorado River Authority in regard to the \$125,000 grant awarded to the Sheridan Community Park;
- Adopted a resolution of support

Also, in the special meeting on July 23, the Court received an update from Ted Brandt, chairman of the Site Planning Committee of the Colorado County Ag Complex.

Discussion centered on traffic flow to the proposed Colorado County Fairgrounds with Texas Department of Transportation officials, as well as a look at the proposed plans for the facility.

Brandt said it is the hope of the Colorado County Fair Association to be in its new site, located on 75 acres near the U.S. Hwy. 90 and State Hwy. 71 Bypass in Columbus.

Newsbriefs

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RMC offering yoga classes

Rice Medical Center (RMC) is making room for yoga. Research has shown how effective yoga is in the reduction of stress with the crucial aspect of deep relaxation, which is, in essence, a deep form of healing. John Huff, M.D., who has over 35 years experience in yoga, will be holding an inservice on yoga at RMC Aug. 1. Anyone interested in attending, call 409-234-5571, ext. 5216.

Classified Ads

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TRULY PROPERTIES
129 N. McCarty 409-234-3776

WHARTON COUNTY: Pecan Valley Addition; 1+ acre tracts.
EAST LAVACA COUNTY: Wilderness Oaks; 10-25 acre tracts.

SANDY BENDY 234-3925

TRULY PROPERTIES
129 N. McCarty 409-234-3776

HOUSES...

N. AIRLINE: 4BR, 3BA, den w/fireplace, formal dining room, 1-1/2 story brick w/wood siding, large corner lot (2 ac.) WHL sprinkler system.
LAUGHLIN ROAD: 3BR, 3BA, formal living room & dining room, den, office, brick; with 2.5 acres.
DOBBS: 3BR, 1BA, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, frame; recently renovated. FmHA loan available.
PARTIDGE LANE: 3-4BR, 2-1/2BA, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room; 1-1/2 story brick.
E. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, den, formal dining room, frame.
N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, formal dining, frame w/siding; large lot w/shed and small bldgs.
S. MCCARTY: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den w/fireplace, formal dining room; brick; 0.76 acres.
N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, frame.

COMMERCIAL...

W. MAIN: Quonset barn warehouse with office space totalling approx. 5,500 sq. ft.
4.4 ACRES: corner of FM 3013 & Hwy. 90-A.
2.7 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90-A & Glen Flora Road.
E. MAIN STREET: 1.67 Acres commercial frontage.
HWY. 90A & FLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.87 Acres commercial frontage.
W. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CA/CH; brick.
W. PRAIRIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units; approx. 1 acre.
GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.3 Acres with shop and mobile home.
Alamo Trailer Park: Including 2 rent houses and 2 mobile homes.
E. MAIN ST.: 330 Foot frontage; some improvements.
E. MAIN: Former Santa Fe Depot; renovated into office space and two apts. Owner finance. *Make an offer!*
E. MAIN: Former "Snack Center"; 1,800 sq. ft; fully equipped.
6.8 ACRES: Choice commercial property, 1,100 Ft. FM 3013 North frontage.
THREE BUSINESS BLDGS. on Main St. Good location. *Price reduced!*
DOWN TOWN on E. MAIN: 37'x89' Building plus storage.

LOTS...

WAVERLY: Corner lot.
DONOVAN ST.: 75'x188'
BALUSEK DR.: 2.85 Acres; Owner finance. *Make an offer!*

LAND...

120 ACRES: CR 48-1/2 near the A&M Experiment Station.
137 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90A & County Road 14.
PECAN VALLEY: 1.20 Acres.
FM 3013 & Glen Flora Rd.: frontage; 2,180 acre industrial site.
LAVACA COUNTY: Wilderness Oaks; 5 acres & 11 acres, adjoining.
Price Reduced. Will owner finance or trade with equal value.
FOSTER/CRAVZ Rice Land: 37.9 acres, 608.75 acres, 434.267 acres, 154.43 acres and 129.505 acres. All near Eagle Lake.
E. WAVERLY: 5-1/2 Acres across from airport; recently cleared.
Owner finance; \$24,000.
38 Acres inside city, facing FM 3013.
90 Acres rice land inside city, 25'x50' steel bldg., FM 3013 frontage, will divide into two tracts.
67 Acres south of Rock Island. Wooded with tank; good hunting.

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1985 Camaro: runs good; needs minor repairs. \$1,200 or best offer; 409-234-7797.

1988 Cadillac Brougham: clean; 82,000 miles; runs good. Reduced to \$3,500. Call 234-5471.

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COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Sale Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. and Thursdays, live at ring side, from 2:00 to 2:15 p.m.

The market remains strong again this week. Better quality calves sold with a lot of demand. Light weight calves getting higher each week. Packer cows and bulls sold fully \$2 to \$3 hundred higher on approximately 175 head. We had a lot of good buyers and a few new buyers which make for a very active sale.

If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please all George Hagan or Art Moeller, 409-732-2622.

If you need a truck, trailer or men to work cattle, we're

as near as the phone. Out of town, call collect; your calls are welcome. Try us on your next shipment. Call George Hagan, residence 409-732-2553; Art Moeller, 409-732-2934; Roy Burger, 409-865-5042; or Kenneth Brune, 409-732-5815.

"We are at your service 24 hours a day, seven days a week," say George, Art, Ken, Roy and Charley. "We appreciate your business."

Market Report for July 24, 1997

Animals on hand: 1687; 4 horses, 6 sheep and goats
Packer cows: higher dressing quality & cutter cows, 40-45-1/2¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 33-40¢ per lb.; lighter weight canner cows, 25-33¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 55-58 1/2¢; utility cutter bulls, 50-55¢; light weight canner bulls, 45-50¢.
Stocker/Feeder Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 150-200 lbs., 92¢-\$1.20; 200-250, \$1.09-1.33; 250-300, \$1.00-1.27; 300-350, \$1.07-1.17; 350-400, \$1.00-1.10; 400-450, \$1.00-1.07; 450-500, 94¢-\$1.04; 500-550, 86-96¢; 550-600, 80-90¢.

Heifers #1: 150-200 lbs., 91¢-\$1.10; 200-250 lbs., 90¢-\$1.15; 250-300 lbs., 90¢-\$1.10; 300-350 lbs., 90¢-\$1.13; 350-400 lbs., 94¢-\$1.09; 400-450 lbs., 85¢-\$1.06; 450-500 lbs., 84¢-\$1.00; 500-550 lbs., 82-92¢; 550-600 lbs., 80-92¢.

Stocker cows: good stocker cows & heifers, 55-65¢ per lb.; med. stocker cows & heifers, 50-55¢ per lb.; good cow & calf pairs, \$750-850; med. cow & calf pairs, \$650-750; common cow & calf pairs, \$500-600.

Have a nice day, say George, Art, Roy, Ken, Max & Charley