

## ORDER OF PROTECTION

An order of protection is a court order signed by a judge that can require a person to stay away from you and is intended to prevent his or her abusive behavior toward you. An order of protection can also prevent an abuser from contacting you by phone, text messages, email, mail, fax, or third parties. If the order of protection is violated by the abuser, the police can arrest the abuser and place him/her in jail.

You are eligible for an order of protection if you are in immediate danger of domestic abuse and you and the person you are filing against:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Are married
- Are divorced
- Live together, or have lived together
- Are related by blood
- Have a child together
- Are you dating or have you dated in the past

A parent/guardian may also file on behalf of a child under 18 years of age. For more information on filing for an order of protection, please contact:

Victim Assistance Program at the Benton County Prosecutor's  
Officer: 479.271.1030

Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter 479.246.9999 or  
1.800.775.9011

### Your case information:

Report # \_\_\_\_\_

Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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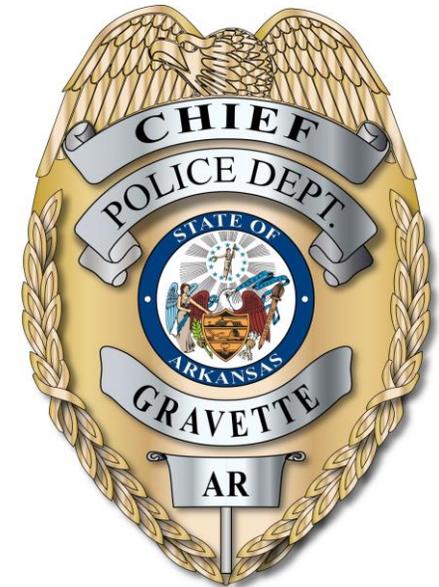
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**It is important to keep in contact with the Gravette Police Department regarding your case. If you move or change your phone number, please notify the Gravette Police Department.**

## Domestic Violence Laura's Card

No one should have to live with abuse. Help is available to stop the cycle of violence.



**Gravette Police  
202 Main ST NE  
Gravette, AR 72736**

**Phone: 479.787.6948 or  
479.787.5911**

## Domestic Violence is a Crime

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior that one person uses to gain or maintain **power and control** over an intimate partner, household member, or blood relative.

Domestic Violence can include:

- Physical violence
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional or psychological abuse
- Financial/economic abuse
- Threats
- Intimidation
- Child abuse
- Animal abuse
- Any behaviors which frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone.

*Domestic Violence can happen to anyone.* It can happen to couples who are married, living together, dating, or have children together. It can happen to relatives or roommates. It can happen to people of all economic backgrounds and education levels.

If someone is abusing you or someone in your household, you do not have to accept it. It is a crime.

### **Victims Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)**

VINE is a free 24 hour service that can alert you when someone is released from jail or is moved. If you sign up for VINE, you will receive a notification call within 30 minutes of an inmates' release or move. You can choose to be notified by phone, email, or both. VINE is confidential.

To register, contact the Victim Assistance Program, call 1.800.510.0415, or visit [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com).

## Safety Planning

Having a safety plan can help protect you and your children in case of an emergency. Below are some tips for safety planning. For more assistance with safety planning, call the Victim Assistance Program at the Benton County Persecutor's Office at 479.271.1030 or the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter at 479.246.9999 (24-hours).

### **Safety During a violent incident:**

1. Keep a cell phone with you and keep it charged at all times. If you do not have a cell phone, you can get an emergency (911) phone from the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter.
2. Tell your neighbors that you have a problem and ask them to call the police when they hear a disturbance.
3. Plan a "code word" with children or family and friends so they know to call for help. Teach children to call 911.
4. Prepare an escape plan.

### **Safety when preparing to leave:**

1. Leave extra keys, important documents, medicine and clothing with someone you trust.
2. Memorize important phone numbers.
3. Know the quickest route out of your home (including doors, windows, elevators, stairwells) and practice escaping that way.
4. Know where you will go or who you will stay with. Make a plan to get there after you leave.

### **Safety planning after separation:**

1. Ask neighbors to call the police if they see the abuser's car near you home.
2. Keep your cell phone charged and on you at all times.
3. Don't answer the door if you do not know who is there.
4. Don't answer phone calls from numbers you don't recognize.
5. Keep the people you trust informed of your whereabouts.
6. Make sure your doors and windows are locked at all times.

## Helpful Contacts

### **Police (non-emergency):**

Gravette Police-----479.787.5911  
Bentonville Police ----- 479.271.3170  
Benton County Sheriff ----- 479.273.5532  
Bella Vista Police ----- 479.855.3771  
Rogers Police ----- 479.636.4141  
Siloam Springs Police ----- 479.524.4118  
Benton Co. Central Communications for all other towns in Benton County ----- 479.273.5532

### **If you or someone you know needs shelter or other services:**

Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter (Benton County 24 hr Crisis Line) ----- 479.246.9999 or 1.800.775.9011  
Peace at Home Family Shelter (Washington County 24 hr Crisis Line) ----- 479.442.9811 or 1.877.442.9811  
Salvation Army ----- 479.271.9545

### **If you are someone you know has been raped or sexually assaulted:**

Northwest Arkansas Rape Crisis (Adults) - 1.800.794.4175

### **If you know of or suspect child abuse:**

Child Abuse Reporting Hotline ----- 1.800.422.4453

### **For suicide, mental health, substance abuse, or other crises:**

Arkansas Crisis Center ----- 1.888.274.7472

### **For Runaway Teens:**

Teen Runaway Hotline ----- 1.800.786.2929

### **For legal assistance:**

Legal Aid of Arkansas -----1.800.234.3544

### **For other resources:**

United Way of Arkansas 211 ----- 2-1-1

### **Victims Assistance Programs:**

Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Program:

[www.ArkansasAG.gov](http://www.ArkansasAG.gov) ----- 1.800.488.3014

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)

[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) ----- 1.800.510.0415