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## **NEWS ADVISORY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015

### **The District Attorney's Office and the Hidalgo County Family Violence Task Force hosts "Purple Day" in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**EDINBURG** – The Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Hidalgo County Family Violence Task Force, will commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month with Purple Day, an informational fair held Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the County Courthouse courtyard.

During the Purple Day event representatives from agencies that assist abuse victims, law enforcement, and others will be on hand to educate the public on the issue of provide information and assistance to anyone who may need it. Some of the groups with informational booths at the fair include Mujeres Unidas, Family Crisis Center, Victims of Crime Program, Angels of Love, CASA, South Texas Civil Rights Project, Department of Family Protective Services, and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Crime Victim Liaison.

In 2014, more than 5,500 cases of family violence were reported to local enforcement agencies in Hidalgo County. The Sheriff's Office responded to 2,053 calls for family violence incidents, which equates to 37 percent of calls received in 2014.

In addition to the informational fair, Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez Jr. will hold a news conference with representatives from the Hidalgo County Family Violence Task Force and Mujeres Unidas at 9 a.m. Following the news conference, the D.A. will attend the Commissioners Court meeting at the Old Administration Building to present a proclamation in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Rodriguez encourages everyone to wear purple, the official color of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, on Tuesday, Oct. 13 and throughout the month of October. The event is free and open to the public.

**WHO:** Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez  
Hidalgo County Family Violence Task Force  
Mujeres Unidas

**WHAT:** Purple Day Informational Fair

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 13  
8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Purple Day fair at County Courthouse  
9 a.m. DA's News Conference at Purple Day fair, County Courthouse  
10 a.m. Proclamation Presentation at Commissioners Court, 100 E. Cano

**WHERE:** County Courthouse Courtyard  
100 N. Closner Edinburg, TX

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