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DA Murray, CBS Radio encourage public to help stop cycle of domestic violence

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – District Attorney Andrew Murray is partnering with CBS Radio and Safe Alliance this month to raise awareness about domestic violence and urge the public to help stop the cycle of abuse.

Beginning today, the “Be Their Hope” public service announcements will air on CBS Radio’s seven local stations through the end of October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mr. Murray recorded the public service announcement earlier this year to encourage people to help domestic violence victims by reporting abuse to police and being willing to come to court to help prosecutors seek justice for victims.



District Attorney Andrew Murray records a public service announcement about domestic violence.

“Without your help, the cycle of violence will continue,” Mr. Murray says in the public service announcement. “As Mecklenburg’s chief prosecutor, I need you to speak up when you see abuse. That means calling the police, coming to court and taking a stand. Please, stand with me, and be their hope.”

The public service announcements will air on the following stations: 95.1 WNKS-FM, 103.7 WSOC-FM, 97.9 WPEG-FM, 610 WFNZ-AM, 101.9 WBAV-FM, 1660 WBCN-AM and 104.7 WKQC-FM.

“My office is so thankful to have CBS Radio as a community partner that recognizes the need for awareness surrounding this critical issue,” says Mr. Murray. “Together, we can spread our message to a wide audience. Statistically, we know that a majority of listeners have someone in their lives who has been affected by domestic violence. It’s time that we all acknowledge domestic violence for what it is: a crime.”

Addressing the high volume of domestic violence cases in Mecklenburg County was an early priority for Mr. Murray when he took office. In 2012, Mr. Murray established a team of Assistant District Attorneys who exclusively prosecute domestic violence crimes. Now, that team handles hundreds of cases every month.

The public service announcements will also encourage members of the community to participate in the Fourth Annual Steps for Change Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, which

will be hosted by the DA's Office in uptown Charlotte on October 22, 2014. [Click here](#) for more information about the awareness walk.

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