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### **ACTION ALERT: Never Again**

Topeka, KS, October 12, 2011 – KCSDV is pleased to hear that District Attorney Chad Taylor has agreed to restart his prosecution of domestic violence misdemeanors occurring in the Topeka city limits. We remain vigilant, however, as he warns the community about the “consequences” of these recent events.

We urge all citizens – here in Topeka, across the country and around the world – to learn more about your own community’s local response to domestic violence. We must all hold officials accountable for the components of a complete response to domestic violence that includes fully funded victim services, trained and competent professionals, and quick and appropriate consequences for criminal behavior. Learn more about these critical services at [www.kcsdv.org](http://www.kcsdv.org) or [www.nnedv.org](http://www.nnedv.org).

The fact remains that for almost five weeks in the City of Topeka, there were no criminal consequences for committing the crime of domestic battery. Whether it is Domestic Violence Awareness Month or not, let’s work together to make sure this never happens again. Budgets should never be balanced on the backs of victims.

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*Founded in 1982, the purpose of KCSDV is the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence through a statewide network of programs providing support and safety for all victims of sexual and domestic violence and stalking, with primary focus on women and their children; direct services; public awareness and education; advocacy for victims; comprehensive prevention; and, social change efforts. Learn more at [www.kcsdv.org](http://www.kcsdv.org).*