

KCSO DVIU makes a difference in the lives of victims and increases accountability for the most violent and dangerous offenders in our community.

Recent case tells the story:

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DV UNIT

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KING COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

BIG STORY



PRACTICE POINTER:



What is FIRS? A 24/7 center at YSC where juveniles who have been violent with family members get a needed "cooling off" counseling and support through counselors and social workers.

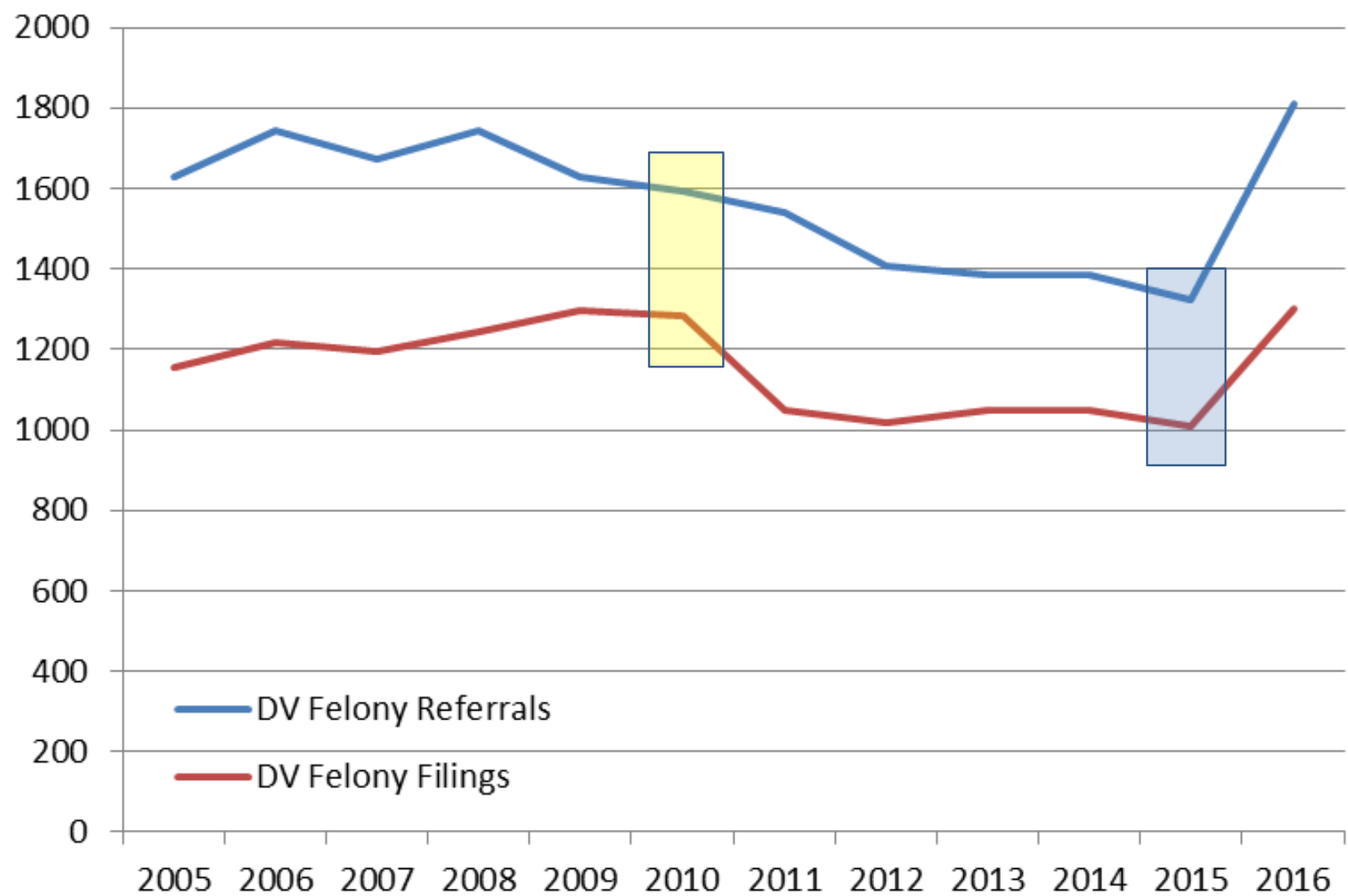
Serial batterer pleads to 5 years in prison

Defendant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] abused his girlfriend for years. He tampered and abused her so she recanted. When the victim asked for the NCO to be lifted she had a fresh black eye. Thanks to investigation by **KCSO** the tampering and abuse was discovered, defendant was taken into custody, and the victim agreed to participate in the case. Defendant pleaded guilty to four counts of felony Assault and one count of violation of court order, and agreed to 60 months in-prison. Special thanks to **KCSO Detective Ben Wheeler, Deputy Michael Noren, Matthew Paul, and Jason Houck** for their work.

- **Ensured the victim's safety and allowed her to get into confidential housing, where she stayed.**
- **Allowed victim to start moving forward and away from the defendant. Now strongly on that path.**
- **Made the victim safe to provide information needed to build a case.**
- **Increased safety and accountability for victim and community.**

- **Specialized DV investigations, routinely recognized as a national best practice by DOJ, BWJP, IACP, and NIJ.**
- **Importance of KCSO DVIU is not just in stories or research but in numbers.**

- **2015 PAO received 1323 cases for felony filing and filed 1009 felony cases. This was a low for DV felony referrals and filings since 2003.**
- **In 2016 things changed.**



- **PAO DV felony filings up 20% in 2016.**
- **Main driver KCSO DVIU cases up 30%.**
- **PAO on pace for greatest number of DV filings since 2006.**

Strong specialized DV investigations make a difference, not just in anecdote, but in the real world of policing and prosecution, in safety and accountability.