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Press Release

Mayor Proclaims January Human Trafficking and Stalking Awareness Month

Elkins W. Va., January 23, 2020: Last Thursday, Mayor Van Broughton proclaimed January Human Trafficking and Stalking Awareness Month.

Human trafficking refers to a range of criminal acts related to forcing people into slave labor or sexual servitude. Stalking is when someone repeatedly watches, follows, harasses, or threatens someone, making them feel unsafe.



Looking on as Mayor Broughton inks the proclamations are several representatives of both the Elkins Police Department (EPD) and the West Virginia Centers Against Violence, a nonprofit organization that provides advocacy, emergency shelter, outreach, legal, and other services for adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Standing (left to right): Lt. R.W. Belt (EPD), Jamey Perrine, Ryan Schauman, Debbie Riddlebarger, Anita Lockett, and Chief Travis Bennett (EPD). Seated (left to right): Megan Phares, Mayor Van Broughton, and Cindy Morgan.

Not pictured: Tekoa Jones.

For more information about the West Virginia Centers Against Violence:
www.centersagainstviolence.org

For more information about stalking: www.stalkingawareness.org

For more information about human trafficking: humantraffickinghotline.org or
polarisproject.org

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