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DOVE Executive Director Responds to Tragic Milton Murder-Suicide

DOVE, Inc. remains the only domestic violence shelter and service provider based in Norfolk County

QUINCY, MA – DOVE, Inc. expresses deep sorrow following the tragic murder-suicide that occurred on Friday, June 13, in Milton, Massachusetts. This heartbreaking incident is a stark reminder of how interpersonal violence can escalate to fatal outcomes when left unaddressed. “Interpersonal violence is real,” said Mick Hirsch, Executive Director of DOVE, Inc. “It can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, or background. When one person exerts power and control over another—whether through physical harm, emotional abuse, or financial manipulation—it is a sign of an unhealthy relationship.”

Hirsch emphasized that certain factors increase vulnerability to domestic violence, including struggling with financial insecurity, housing instability, mental health conditions, substance abuse, social isolation, and limited access to resources. “These issues often play a role in why someone might enter or remain in a harmful relationship,” he added. “But with the right support, it is possible to break the cycle.”

DOVE, Inc. (DOmestic Violence Ended) is the only organization based in Norfolk County that provides comprehensive, community-based services and emergency shelter for individuals impacted by domestic and partner violence. DOVE offers 24/7 confidential support through crisis intervention, danger assessment and safety planning, trauma-informed counseling, legal advocacy, and more.

If you or someone you know is concerned about an unsafe relationship, help is available.

DOVE Hotline: 617-471-1234

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