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Citizens' Dispute Center Moves to Family Safety Center

People will soon have a more convenient place to get Orders of Protection or file arrest warrants. The Citizens' Dispute Center, located at the Criminal Justice Center downtown, will move into the Family Safety Center next week. The center is in midtown at 1750 Madison Avenue.

"This is another important step to assist citizens. The Family Safety Center is an excellent resource for crime victims who need guidance about domestic violence or other concerns," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

"Having the Citizens' Dispute Center located at the Family Safety Center will make it easier for victims. It will ensure victims get a better-coordinated response by all of the agencies involved in their case," said Olliette Murry-Drobot, Executive Director of the Family Safety Center.

During 2011, the Citizens' Dispute Center, administered by Shelby County Government, processed more than 4,000 Orders of Protection, which are issued when someone threatens another person. Once Orders of Protection are filed, victims will be able to discuss their cases with the Domestic Violence Units of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Memphis Police Department, which are also located at the Family Safety Center.

The "Just Care Family Network," a mental health/family counseling referral agency, also moved onto the fifth floor of the building this week. In all, about 20 social service agencies have full or part-time staff stationed at the facility, which includes the Shelby County Rape Crisis Center and the Shelby County Crime Victims Center.

The Family Safety Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the center at 901-222-4400 or visit www.familysafetycenter.org.

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