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DEKALB COUNTY SOLICITOR-GENERAL SHERRY BOSTON SETTLES NUISANCE ABATEMENT CASE AND DEFENDANTS DONATE \$3,500 TO WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DeKalb County Solicitor-General Sherry Boston announced today the settlement of a nuisance abatement case with a family owning property in Conley, Georgia on which their tenants operated an illegal nightclub, served alcohol, and featured adult entertainment and gambling without proper permits or licenses. As part of the settlement, the defendants have donated \$3,500 to the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence, a Decatur not-for-profit dedicated to ending violence against women.

Also as part of the settlement, defendants DALLOUNE VONGKHAMCHANH and KHAMMOUN VONGKHAMCHANH have evicted the tenants who ran the illegal nightclub, called "The Yard," once located at 1670 Henrico Road in Conley, near I-285 and Moreland Ave. The mother and son owners of 1670 Henrico Road property have agreed to enter into a permanent injunction prohibiting them from operating, leasing or authorizing the operation of another night club or adult entertainment establishment on the property. Instead, the family has agreed that the space will be used only as a diesel truck repair shop.

"This civil settlement is part of an on-going effort to improve the quality of life in DeKalb County by eradicating problem businesses and, at the same time, provide new and more service opportunities to victims of crime," said Solicitor-General Boston. "My Office will make it a top priority to pursue businesses that create opportunities for criminal activity to flourish and/or derive profit from them and ensure that they donate monies to make DeKalb a better place to live."

"Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence is very grateful to the DeKalb County Solicitor General for directing these funds to our work," says Jean Douglas, Executive Director. "A gift of this size has a significant impact on our agency, providing, for example, six weeks of food for the 32 women and children staying in our safehouse. We value our partnership with the Solicitor's Office and look forward to the many ways that we can continue partnering to provide safety and support to families experiencing domestic violence."

The Yard closed last year after The Office of the Solicitor-General filed a lawsuit charging the nightclub and the property owners with operating a nuisance *per se* and sought injunctive relief on behalf of the citizens of DeKalb County. The lawsuit was filed after the Office of the Solicitor-General noticed a sustained pattern of criminal activity around this particular location.

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Solicitor-General Boston thanked the Georgia Department of Revenue, and Chief William O'Brien of the DeKalb County Police Department and members of his Vice Squad, for their efforts in this matter.

The DeKalb County Solicitor-General's Office, under the direction of Sherry Boston, prosecutes misdemeanor crimes filed in the State Court of DeKalb County, Georgia. These crimes include domestic violence, elder abuse, cruelty to children, vehicular homicide, drunk driving, harassment and stalking, trespassing, and animal cruelty. The entire staff works diligently to make DeKalb County even safer by preventing and deterring criminal activity through the professional and impartial prosecution of crimes.

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