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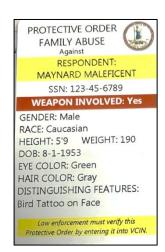
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## **Loudoun County Offers HOPE Cards to Domestic Violence Victims**

Loudoun County has joined with more than a dozen jurisdictions in Virginia in offering the HOPE card to victims of domestic and sexual violence who have obtained long-term protective orders.

The laminated wallet-sized HOPE card provides the essential information that law enforcement officers need to confirm the details of a valid protective order. It is also more convenient to carry than an actual protective order, which can be more than several pages long.

The free cards are available to holders of a final civil protective order for domestic violence, stalking and/or sexual assault issued in Loudoun County. To qualify for a Hope Card, the protective order must be for 12 months or longer.



Anyone interested in applying for a HOPE card may contact the Loudoun County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Clerk's Office 703 777-0300, the Loudoun County Juvenile Court Service Unit at 703-777-0303, or the statewide HOPE Card Program Coordinator Jaime Clemmer at <a href="mailto:jclemmer@vacourts.gov">jclemmer@vacourts.gov</a>.

Information about obtaining a protective order in Loudoun County is online at loudoun.gov/ProtectiveOrders.