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Division: Office of Housing  
and Adult Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Protective Services for Adults (PSA): Police Training Video

ATTACHMENTS: None

Recently, a video and an accompanying booklet entitled "Police and Protective Services for Adults: A Partnership", were sent to the staff development coordinators in the 58 local social services departments and the 650 police agencies in New York State. These materials were developed by the New York State Department of Social Services and the Division of Criminal Justice Services with an Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from police agencies and local social services districts across the state.

The 28 minute video presents three examples of situations which require Protective Services for Adults (PSA) and the police to cooperate: an allegation of sexual abuse regarding a mentally retarded young adult; a financial exploitation case involving an elderly woman and her caregiver; and a physical abuse case involving an elderly couple. This video and the accompanying booklet are intended to be utilized to train police officers on the cooperative roles of the police and PSA staff regarding the investigation of cases involving the abuse, neglect and/or exploitation of impaired adults. We are hopeful that these materials will result in enhanced working relationships between your PSA program and the police agencies in your community and improved services to impaired adults who are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

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If you have any questions about the video or the booklet, please have your staff contact Kathy Crowe at (518) 432-2985 or USERID ROFO17. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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