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Good to hear from you Judge Newton, I've forwarded this message to our office in Columbia. We'll see what we can do to help.

Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,
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On Fri, May 5, 2017 at 1:43 PM, Martha Newton <mnewton@andersoncountysc.org> wrote:

Kevin, I hope you can help me. I hate to bother you on your time off but Patsy is always telling me that you help her a lot. I have a friend that lives near me who rides to church with me on Sunday. She has a mentally ill son who does not take him medication. On Sunday, March 12th she got in my care and on the way to church she was telling me that he was threatening to kill himself, that he had been violent the night before, she had places on her arm where he had attacked her. So after church we came by my office and Filled out part one for emergency commitment and I issued an order for him picked up. We carried the order to the sheriff's office and they went out and picked him up and carried him to AnMed where he signed himself in to the 8th floor. He was there until March 23rd when they dismissed him. He was ok when he came home even got a job with a wrecker service in Greenville for about 2 weeks and he got fired. He told her that he hit a deer and they fired him which would have been around April 9th or 10th.

Our church always has a Easter Celebration on Saturday before Easter and she was excited about going, when she got out of the car she said she would see me Sat. and wanted to know what time I would pick her up. Well on Saturday Morning she called and said I won't be going today as I am in Clemson, the next morning she called and said don't pick me up I am still in Clemson. The following 2 Sundays she called and said she was not going to church those days. Everyone at church kept asking me where Linda was and I told them I did not know. Several of us tried to call her, she would answer and tell us she could not talk she would call back, one of the members said when she called she sounded like she was c rying that she could not talk, that night I called her and she told me she could not talk. I called several times and she did not answer. I got concerned on Tuesday of this week and called the sheriff's office and ask if they would do a wellness check on her. The deputy went the son came into the car port and talked with him, he

said she was in a place in six mile but did not tell him the name, he left and called me. I ask him if he went into the house and he said no, so I asked him if he would go back and see if he could get in. When he went back the car was gone, he went to a neighbor's house and inquired about her, the neighbor told him she was in Hospice down street from where she lived, he went there and was told that she was not there. He told me that he got off at 7 and he would go back before he got off. I did not hear anymore from him. I called her phone and she answered. I ask her where she was and she said she was in a retirement home in Clemson, that Todd needed some time by himself and she was going to stay a little longer, she could not give me the name. I asked her if she was being held hostage and she said no. I believe that she is at home and he is off him medicine and that he won't let her come to church because he thinks that I will get her to sign an affidavit and have him picked up again, I don't think she is in a retirement home as she only receives a social security check and she is always getting money from me or the church is paying a utility bill for her and her water heater has been out for about 4 weeks. She couldn't afford to purchase one so I feel she can't be in a retirement home.

Yesterday I tried to reach DSS Department of Elder abuse. I called 260 4100 and listened to the message I punched Number 3 and listened to message, was not satisfied so I called one of the secretary's to the family court judge and called that number, I got the same message and left my name and number and have not heard from them. While I was doing this, Jim King, my Associate, he also knows her as he goes to same church, went out to the family court and talked with a case worker with DSS as they were having DSS hearings yesterday. She contacted a case worker and asked them to call him. Neither of us have received a call. I am concerned that Linda is being held hostage in her home and that he won't let her talk on the phone. She has often told me that he hated to go home.

It is a shame that we can't get help when we need.