

CAYCE — Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush praised South Carolina's efforts to combat domestic violence on the first day of the potential Republican presidential candidate's two-day swing through the Palmetto State.

The comments came Tuesday afternoon at the headquarters of Sistercare, a Columbia-area battered women's shelter. Bush appeared with Gov. Nikki Haley after the two privately toured a safe house shelter for battered women.

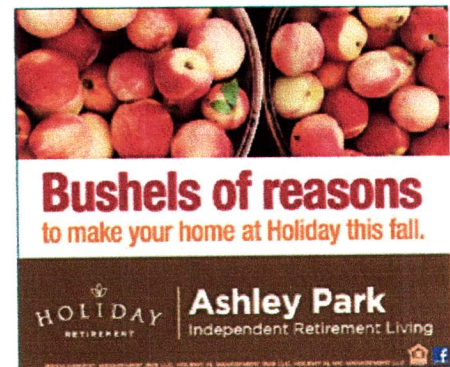


Enlarge Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley visited the headquarters of Sistercare, a safe shelter for battered women in the Columbia area, on Tuesday. Bush discussed his efforts against domestic violence when he was governor. Grace Beahm/Staff

During his tenure as governor, Bush said he worked to provide more funding to decrease the number of women on waiting lists to get into shelters and to pass tougher penalties for abusers.

He credited his wife, Columba, for putting the issue in the public spotlight in Florida.

"Once again, Gov. Haley is showing what leadership is all about," he said of the governor's work on the issue.

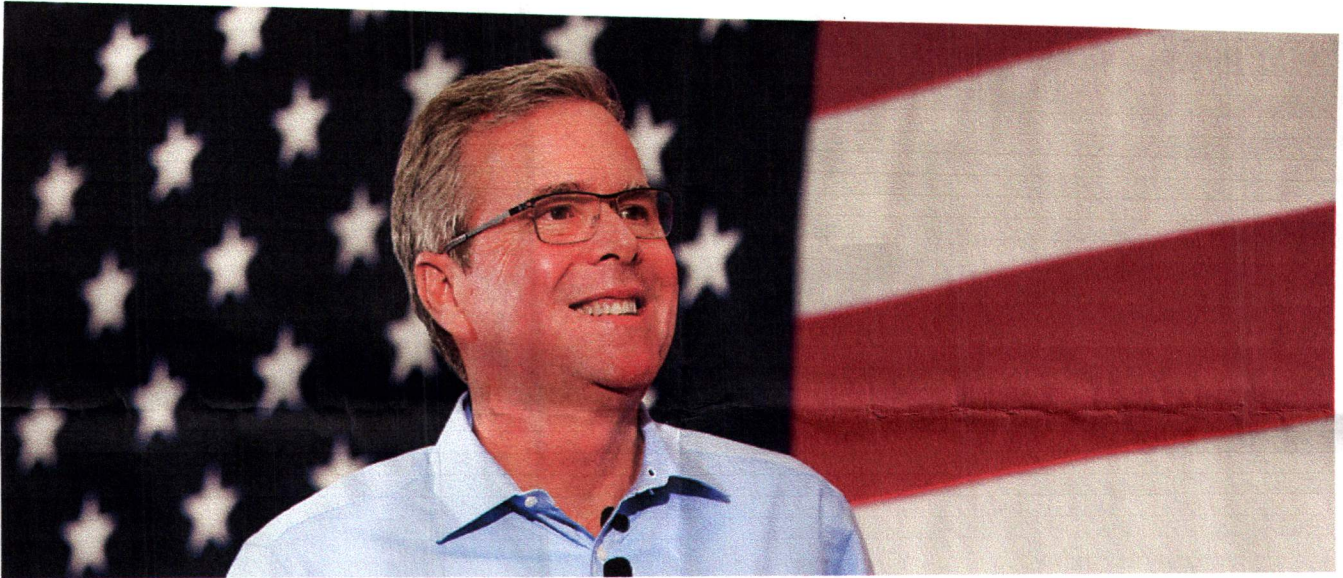


Bush said he began to visit domestic violence centers at the beginning of his term as Florida governor.

"We had an epidemic of domestic violence," he said. Bush said Haley's new domestic violence task force, which is seeking to study and propose broad solutions to the problem, is the right way to go.

"This elevates the conversation to the right place," he said.

South Carolina's efforts to strengthen domestic violence penalties, take guns away from high-level offenders change the culture that perpetuates the violence follows last year's Post and Courier series "Till Death Do Us Part." The award-winning series revealed that more than 300 women had been killed in domestic violence in South Carolina over the



South Carolina Veterans for Jeb

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Today in South Carolina, Governor Bush announced additions to his South Carolina Veterans for Jeb Steering Committee. These committee members include combat veterans, Distinguished Service Cross and Navy Cross recipients.

Co-Chairman Tom Hanton said, *"No one is better able to handle issues affecting veterans than Jeb Bush. Jeb has a proven record of leadership as Governor, and both the active duty military and veterans need him as our new Commander-in-Chief."*

Major General James E. Livingston, U.S. Marine Corps (ret.); Medal of Honor recipient and a National Veterans for Jeb Co-Chair said, *"Governor Bush's strong record on veterans' issues makes him the best choice to serve as our next Commander-in-Chief. We need a strong leader with executive experience who knows how to lead in a dangerous world while also maintaining the highest standard of care for our veterans back home. Jeb Bush is that leader."*

Governor Bush added, *"It's an incredible honor to have the support of these heroic individuals. I am committed to a safe America through a strong military, and having a strong military includes having policies that will keep our country's commitment to our veterans."*

The additional members of the Veterans for Jeb Steering Committee include:

Co-Chairmen

- Tom Hanton, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Air Force (ret.); President, NAM POWs – Mt. Pleasant
- Myron Harrington, Colonel, U.S. Marines (ret.); Navy Cross recipient; Board of Visitors, The Citadel – Charleston
- Gerard "Jerry" Devlin, Major, U.S. Army (ret.); Distinguished Service Cross, 5 Bronze Stars recipient; Author of the book Paratrooper – Bluffton
- Rudi Gresham, Special Forces (ret.); former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Veterans Administration – Mt. Pleasant

Steering Committee Members

- Henry Auton, U.S. Army – Prosperity
- Michael Berry, U.S. Marines- Dalzell
- Kevin Borem, U.S. Army – Easley
- Mike Fowler, U.S. Army – Spartanburg
- Bart Harris, U.S. Air Force – Prosperity
- William May, U.S. Army – Spartanburg
- Moultrie Plowden, U.S. Army – Walterboro
- Ryan Small, Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marines (ret.) – Marion
- Paul Tamburrino, U.S. Army Reserves; Vice President, The Citadel Alumni Association – Charleston



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INCIDENT REPORT

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Case Number : 1-15-000855 Occur From Date: 2/15/15 16:57
Occur To Date : 2/15/15 16:57 Day Of Week : Sunday
Dept Class : DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV) - Simple Asslt
Case Status : EX-CLEARED (OVER 18) Case Status Dt : 2/15/15
Alcohol Related: UNKNOWN Drug Related? : UNKNOWN
Common Name : COLLETON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFI, 112 S MILLER ST
City : WALTERBORO, SC 29488
County : COLLETON
Location Type : RESIDENCE (includes Nursing Home)
Beat Assignment: WALTERBORO
Invest. Notified: Shift Supervisor Notified Only
Report Officer : LANGENFELD, DELANTY Report Date : 2/15/15 16:57
Verif. Employee: BAZZLE, MARILYN 2/17/15
Supervisory Emp: RINEY, RICHARD 2/16/15
Entry Date : LANGENFELD, DELANTY 2/15/15

***** O F F E N S E R E P O R T # 1 *****

Case Number : 1-15-000855
State Class : DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV) - SIMPLE ASSLT
Federal Class : not applicable Attmpt/Committ : COMMITTED
Statute/Ordin : 16-25-20 Computer Theft : N/A
Attack Reason : NONE (NO BIAS)
Weapon Type : PERSONAL WEAPONS (offn only)
UCR Disposition: EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED Dispo Date : 2/15/15
Exception Clear: ADVISED OF WARRANT PROCEDURE
Crim Activity : NO GANG ACTIVITY
Location Type : RESIDENCE (includes Nursing Home)
State Dispo : Not Applicable
Statute Desc : CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - 1ST OFFENSE AND 2ND OFFENSE

***** S U S P E C T / A R R E S T E E I N F O R M A T I O N - # 1 **

Case Number : 1-15-000855 Name : GRESHAM, RUDI H.
Address : 1425 MERRICK DR.
City/State/Zip : ROUND O, SC 29474
Birth Date/Age : Maximum Age : 69
Oper Lic Info : Race : WHITE
Sex : MALE Ethnic Origin : NON-HISPANIC/LATINO
Minimum Height : 511 Minimum Weight : 280

***** V I C T I M I N F O R M A T I O N - # 1 *****

Case Number : 1-15-000855 Name : GRESHAM, FAY BRELAND
Address : 1425 MERRICK DR
City/State/Zip : ROUND O, SC 29474
County : COLLETON HOME : 843/599-6203
Birth Date/Age : 11/03/1950 64 Birth Cty/State: WALTERBORO, SC
Birth Country : American Citizenship : American
Residency Type : JURISDICTION Residency Stats: Full year
Oper Lic Info : 004542010 Marital Status : Separated (Legally)
Adult/Juvenile : ADULT Status : Victim
Race : WHITE Sex : FEMALE
Ethnic Origin : NON-HISPANIC/LATINO Height : 506
Weight : 158 Victim Type : INDIVIDUAL
File Charges? : UNKNOWN Can Identify? : YES
Victim Sobriety: SOBER

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Injury Extent : None (Injury type #1 = 01)
Injury Type 1 : NONE (Injury type #2 = 00)

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***** N A R R A T I V E # 1 *****
ORIGINAL REPORT
Reported By: LANGENFELD, DELANTY T. 2/15/15
Entered By.: LANGENFELD, DELANTY T. 2/15/15
Reviewed By: BAZZLE, MARILYN C. 2/17/15

Call#: 150460252 Beat: WALTERBORO P.D. Units.: S663 Employees:
0000000663 LANGENFELD, DELANTY *** CAD Call Narrative *** *****
***** Synopsis:
On 02-15-15, I, Cpl. Langenfeld, met with a white female at the
Colleton County Sheriffs Office. The female identified herself as
Fairey Breland Gresham. Gresham appeared to very upset. I began to
take her verbal statement, and it went as follows:

Statement/Victim: (Gresham) Gresham stated that she and her "soon to
be"ex-husband are legally separated. Gresham stated that she and her
husband have had problems for over the past few years. Gresham stated
that today she went over to their house to feed the cats that they
own, and her husband started to argue with her. Gresham stated that
she then attempted to leave the residence when her husband stated,
"You want it to be over, then fine its over!" Gresham stated that as
she attempted to leave, he placed her in a headlock. Gresham stated
that she was able to immediately flip him over her body, and leave the
residence. Gresham stated that there has been a history of abuse from
him over the years and that she has not reported it to law
enforcement. Gresham stated that within those years, she has been
physically, emotionally, and sexually abused by her husband. Gresham
stated that besides feeding the cats, she called him out over his
affair with another woman as well. She believes thats what initially
started her husband's anger this evening.

Deputy's Actions/Observations: After taking the above verbal
statement, I noticed that Gresham's husband kept continually calling
her. Gresham picked up a few times and explained to him that she was
at the CCSO filing a police report. I could over hear him yelling in
the background, as Gresham stated that he hurt his arm during the
course of the struggle. Gresham also stated that he was on his way to
the Sheriffs Office. I asked Gresham if she had any marks or bruises
on her person, and she stated no. I was unable to detect any marks or
bruises on her person in the region where he placed her in a headlock.
Gresham did state to me that she is in fear of her life, and I advised
her of the procedures that I was going to offer, and that I was going
to take, but I needed to hear her husbands side of the story.

Moments later, a white male driving a red pickup truck, drove into the
parking lot. The white male identified himself as Rudi Gresham. I
advised Mr. Gresham to stay away from the victim, until we were done
interviewing him. Gresham began to give me his verbal statement, and
it went as follows:

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Statement/Suspect: (Rudi) Rudi stated that he and his separated wife had gotten into an argument. Rudi stated that he did not place his wife into a headlock, but as he was walking by her, he tripped and fell, with his wife being in the way. Rudi stated that they have been having problems due to the lack of intimacy that was in their relationship. Rudi stated that he has made some problems in the past by sexually assaulting his wife, as being one of them. When asked about his past, Rudi stated that he did sexually assault her, but he just let it go. Rudi stated that he will stay away from his wife, because he is a very popular person in Washington.

Deputy's Actions (Observations) After taking the above statements from both parties, I was able to advise Mrs. Gresham that she needed a lawyer for personal possessions that they both have at the residence. I also stated to her that she needed to not have anymore contact with her husband, due to the totality of the circumstances that occurred tonight. I advised Gresham that I could not charge Rudi with Criminal Domestic Violence only because: -She had no physical manifestations, -Both had conflicting stories, -Rudi stated that she assaulted him. After explaining to Mrs. Gresham why I couldn't charge Rudi, she understood. I also stated to Mrs. Gresham that if for any chance, an hour, or a day later, she developed any physical manifestations, to come to the Colleton County Sheriffs Office and I would have the necessary elements to obtain a warrant for Rudi's arrest. Mrs. Gresham was also advised that the Victim's Advocate would also be advised of this incident. I stated to Mrs. Gresham that she needed to not make anymore contact with her husband through the divorce process. If any contact needed to be made between them, to let her attorney handle it. After explaining the procedures to Mrs. Gresham, I advised Rudi of the same. I explained to him that in the State of South Carolina, he could get a minimum of 30 years for rape. I also advised Rudi to not have anymore contact with his wife, and that if so, go through his attorney as well. After the advisements, I then cleared from the scene.

Notes: Mrs. Gresham was also advised that if Rudi came back onto her property, to notify law enforcement immediately.

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