

6-17 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATHS INVESTIGATIONS- DCFS NOTIFICATIONS



HOMICIDE BUREAU DETECTIVE DIVISION BUREAU ORDERS

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Subject: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATHS INVESTIGATIONS – DCFS NOTIFICATIONS

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When it is determined that an incident is domestic violence and involves a deceased person, victim and/or suspect whose relationship is defined in Family Code section 6211, the Homicide Bureau investigator shall call the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) if the deceased person, victim, and/or suspect has minor children whether or not the children live in the home. If DCFS has been called by a deputy prior to the Homicide Bureau investigator's arrival, the Homicide Bureau investigator does not have to call DCFS.

Family Code 6211

“Domestic violence” is abuse perpetrated against any of the following persons:

- (a) A spouse or former spouse.
- (b) A cohabitant or former cohabitant, as defined in Section 6209.
- (c) A person with whom the respondent is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship.
- (d) A person with whom the respondent has had a child, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child of the female parent under the Uniform Parentage Act: Part 3, commencing with Section 7600 of Division 12.
- (e) A child of a party or a child who is the subject of an action under the Uniform Parentage Act, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child to be protected.
- (f) Any other person related by consanguinity or affinity within the second degree.

