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**Governor Bill Richardson and First Lady Barbara Richardson  
Announce Confidential Driver's License Address Program to  
Protect Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson and First Lady Barbara Richardson announced today that victims of domestic violence and sexual assault can now apply for confidential driver's licenses, identification cards and permits at all Motor Vehicle Division offices to protect themselves from their abusers.

“The Confidential Driver's License Address Program is yet another tool victims of domestic violence and sexual assault can use to protect themselves from their abusers,” Governor Richardson said. “The objective of this program is to prevent abusers from tracking their victims, to allow victims to feel safe and secure in their surroundings, and to restore a sense of normalcy in their lives.”

"The state of New Mexico has been a national leader in addressing the issue of domestic violence," said First Lady Richardson. "This MVD program provides an additional layer of protection for families in crisis from violence in their own lives."

The confidential driver's license address program allows victims of domestic violence to use a substitute address, provided by the MVD, on their driver's licenses, identification cards or permits. Participants in the program will be able to use this substitute address to conduct any official or private business, while ensuring that their abusers cannot track them.

“We want victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to feel safe and not look over their shoulders when they enroll in our confidential driver's license address program,” said Motor Vehicle Division Director Michael Sandoval. “With that in mind, we have implemented a series of strong procedures that are designed to protect victims and their whereabouts.”

The first step to obtain this license is to register at the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office. The next step is to contact the MVD's Confidential Address Program coordinator at 505-827-1013.

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