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URGENT CALL FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

August 22nd murder-suicide case in Orion Township illustrates the need for awareness and prevention, especially among Michigan's South Asians.

A neighbor found 56-year old Rosemary Rangi, Orion Area Chamber of Commerce director and mother of three, lying burned, stabbed and bleeding outside of her Orion Township home. She identified her husband, 65-year old Daljit Rangi as her attacker. Daljit Rangi was found dead in the garage from smoke inhalation and burns, and his death was ruled a suicide by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office. Rosemary Rangi is expected to recover.

Many South Asians (Asian Indians, Pakistanis, and Bangladeshis) in Michigan may describe this occurrence and past ones as shocking or rare. MAI Family Services' counselors and members are appalled yet well aware of the frequency of such horrible crimes. Eighty percent of calls received by MAI Family Services, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping South Asian families, concern domestic violence. Domestic violence and the harm it incurs to individuals, families and societies are realities faced by the South Asian community. It is about time Michiganders raise a strong, loud voice against domestic violence in every community.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Help MAI Family Services to prevent family violence and to build healthy relationships. Walk with us at our second annual Walk to Stop Domestic Violence at Heritage Park (Farmington Hills) on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

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To register, make a pledge or sponsor Walk to Stop Domestic Violence, visit www.maifs.org or email Mona Sashital at novimona@gmail.com. Contact MAI Family Services on our Free Helpline 888/664-8624 or at 248/477-4985.