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**Sheriff Kilkenny donates old phones to support domestic violence hotline**

**Norristown, Pa., (February 17, 2016)** – Montgomery County Sheriff Sean P. Kilkenny donated 135 old cell phones to Laurel House, a comprehensive domestic violence agency, to help fund their 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline, which received over 1,300 calls from victims last year. Laurel House will receive a fee for each donated phone through a charitable recycling program.

“Supporting domestic violence victims, and their children, is one of my top priorities,” said Kilkenny. “The hotline is normally the first access point for victims to get critical services.”

The sheriff’s office has donated 100 working cell phones over the past year for domestic violence victims to use to call 9-1-1.

Kilkenny said, “It’s important to know that even unusable phones can be donated for cash to benefit services for victims.”

The funds from the donation and recycling program go towards paying for equipment and phone service, which costs \$9,000 per year.

Laurel House has several other drop-off locations for unwanted or old cell phones around Montgomery County, which can be found here <http://laurel-house.org/how-to-help/cell-phones>. If you, or anyone you know, needs help call Laurel House’s 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-642-3150.



PHOTO: Tara Willis and Ashley Thompson of Laurel House with Sheriff Sean P. Kilkenny

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