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Coercive control is intended to threaten, intimidate, harass, isolate, control, coerce or compel compliance of a family or household member that causes that family or household member to reasonably fear physical harm or have a reduced sense of physical safety or autonomy.

"Coercive control is either a pattern of behavior or a single act," Tutu said.

These patterns include nine types of behavior: physical, social, restricting access to basic needs, monitoring/surveillance/stalking, technological, financial/economic, restricting autonomy, psychological and sexual/reproductive.

Coercive control can also be established by three specific single acts. These single acts include harming or attempting to harm a child or a relative of the family or household member; committing or attempting to commit abuse to an animal connected to the family or household member; or publishing or attempting to publish sexually explicit images of the family or household member.

Tutu gave examples of coercive control, including limiting social or family interactions, and she described a scenario where a woman was prevented from going to dinner with a close friend because her boyfriend parked behind her car and wouldn't move. The person using abuse in this scenario also told the woman that she'd "better not come home in a bad mood" if she did go

to dinner with her friend.

The person using abuse against the person in this scenario was trying to prevent her from disclosing the abuse to her friend, whom she often shared intimate conversations with.

Moran explained that a lot of isolation through coercive control isn't the person using abuse saying, "you can't go," but finding other ways (such as blocking the car in) or implying consequences to prevent the survivor from leaving.

Tutu said coercive control also involves the restriction of basic needs, such as access to health insurance, refusing to pay necessary bills, turning off utilities, or preventing the survivor from getting therapy.

Coercive control also involves forcing a person to share their location on their phone or tracking them using air tags and other technology, going through phone messages or emails and more. When children are involved, Tutu said they are often forced to report on the survivor's whereabouts and interactions throughout the day.

People using coercive control will also threaten to harm children or keep them from the survivor.

Threatening to harm family pets, intentionally damaging property, threatening suicide and using repeated court actions are also types of behavior seen with coercive control.

Tutu shared a scenario in which a new mother had been isolated from her family by her husband, and prevented from seeing them or con-

tacting them by phone. When she finally leaves the house to visit her sister at a nearby park with her baby, her husband tracks her location through her cell phone.

When the husband returns home from work, he offers to take his wife and baby for a drive to get ice cream, and confronts her about the visit to the park while driving. He begins to speed and drive erratically, while his wife pleads with him to pull over, fearing for the safety of herself and her baby.

Once he does pull over, he tells her "this will be just the beginning of your forever if you don't obey my instructions." The next morning, she goes to the court to seek a restraining order due to the use of coercive control by her husband.

Tutu explained that the best way to complete the affidavit for a restraining order is to include the most recent incident of abuse, the worst incident of abuse and also the first incident of abuse.

"Courts all have a safe plan advocate to help victims with filling out affidavits and to stand with you in front of the judge," she said.

Tutu said it's also important to include not only the facts, but how the incidents made you feel.

"The facts just by themselves can't always show causation," she said.

She said it's important for those seeking restraining orders against someone who is using coercive control over them, to show the intent to harm.

"You show intent simply by testifying to it," Tutu said.

The addition of coercive control to chapter 209A is the second recent change in the law that has helped survivors of domestic violence, with the first being the revenge porn law, which prohibits the nonconsensual publishing of sexually explicit images, included computer generated images. Governor Maura T. Healey signed "An act to prevent abuse and exploitation" into law last June.

"Massachusetts is now the 49th state to outlaw revenge porn," Tutu said.

Tutu also explained the difference between civil law and criminal law and how this change to chapter 209A is a civil law. Because of this, those seeking a restraining order for coercive control would need to file for one through the court system.

"Getting a restraining order is a civil act," she said.

Once a restraining order is in place, and is violated by the person it is against, then it becomes a criminal act which is enforceable by law.

"If you have a restraining order, and if you feel as though this person has violated the order because you feel they have done something that is coercive control, you can call police for a violation of the restraining order," she said.

"A violation of a restraining order becomes a criminal matter," Tutu said the addition of coercive control to chapter 209A has had a difficult rollout, but that judges and law enforcement are working to understand the law.

"Everyone is still learning," she said, adding that

there needs to be more training for law enforcement officials regarding coercive control. "It's going to take some time...everyone is still trying to figure out what this means, especially judges."

About the task force

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force serves Ware, Warren and Hardwick and is made up of community members as well as representatives from several organizations. The mission of the task force is to prevent and respond to domestic violence in these towns with community-led, community driven initiatives. For more information, follow the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force on Facebook, visit www.waredvtaskforce.org, call 413-758-0605 or email wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com.

How to get help

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can contact BHN's DV Program by calling 413-967-6241 or 413-262-7103 (cell); Alianza DV Services (Spanish speakers) 24 hours a day by calling 877-536-1628; or Safelink (a statewide service) 24 hours a day by calling 877-785-2020.

If you are using abuse and need help to stop, call A Call for Change helpline from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at 877-898-3411 or email acallforchangehelpline.org; or contact Proteus Intimate Partner Abuse Education Program at 413-896-7231.

Antique appraisal event offered

NEW BRAINTREE - A much anticipated "Antiques Roadshow"-like event has been scheduled at the New Braintree Historical Society museum, 10 Utley Road, on Saturday, March 22 from 1-3 p.m.

Renowned appraiser and auctioneer, Kenneth Van Blarcom from South Natick (<https://kwvbauctions.com/about/>), will conduct an individual appraisal and history of your item, for all to learn about.

The Society is thrilled to have Van Blarcom's expertise here in New Braintree. His impressive credentials include antique appraisal positions with Shreve, Crump and Low, Co. and a Boston Directorship at the fine art and antique company of Skinner Auctions. Van Blarcom went on to start his own auction and appraisal business conducting over 850 auctions over a 40 year period.

So, dust off your favorite treasure, and prepare for some historical entertainment. Limit of two items. Cost per appraisal \$5. No jewelry, please.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit <https://newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org/> or call 508-867-3324.

public notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
Docket No.
HS25P0133PM
In the matter of:
Gayle C. Tyler
Of: Ware, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/
Minor)
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Robert J. Tyler** of Ware, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Gayle C. Tyler** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Robert J. Tyler of Ware, MA (or some other suitable person) be ap-

pointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **04/17/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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ceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 07, 2025

Mark S. Ames
Register of Probate
03/13/2025

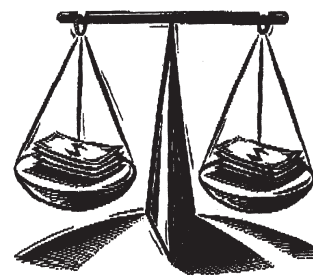
**Hardwick Planning Board
Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority for the Town of Hardwick, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:45PM** at the **Hardwick Town House at 32 Common Street, Hardwick MA 01037.**

Pursuant to Hardwick Zoning Bylaw Sections 3.2.3.i, 6.9.1 and 4.0, this Hearing is regarding the application by Quabbin Glamping and Camping, LLC for a Special Permit for a campground at 3305 Greenwich Road on 80 acres. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties can also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>

Hardwick Planning Board
Jenna Garvey, Chair
03/13, 03/20/2025



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