CHILLING EFFECT ON SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

The Immigrant Defense Project conducted a statewide survey of advocates who work with immigrant survivors of violence and found the following. For complete results, see bit.ly/2sPu4mv

One-third of advocates in New York State had clients who failed to seek an order of protection due to fear of ICE in the courts.

Nearly half worked with clients who expressed fear of serving as a complaining witness because of ICE's presence in the courts.

Nearly half had clients who failed to seek custody or visitation due to fear of ICE in the courts.

PROSECUTORS SEE DROP IN CRIME REPORTING

The ACLU and the National Immigrant Woman’s Advocacy Project conducted a national survey of prosecutors and found the following. For the full survey, see bit.ly/2xYy6yu

82% of prosecutors surveyed nationwide reported that since President Trump took office, domestic violence is now underreported and harder to investigate and/or prosecute.

55% of said sexual assault was harder to investigate and prosecute.

48% reported that child abuse was harder to investigate and prosecute.

COURT CASES INTERRUPTED

The ACLU and the National Immigrant Woman’s Advocacy Project conducted a national survey of judges and found the following. For complete results, see bit.ly/2xYy6yu

54% of judges reported that court cases were interrupted due to an immigrant crime survivor’s fear of coming to court.