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Re: Member Safety Notice – Recent Office Incident
To: All Line Staff and Supervisor Members

I am writing to acknowledge a recent assault involving probation staff. On January 28, 2026, two Burlington Vicinage Senior Probation Officers were assaulted in an unprovoked attack during an office visit.

First and foremost, the safety and well-being of our members remain the highest priority. This incident is a serious reminder that probation work carries inherent risks, even within office settings. Violence or threats against staff are not acceptable and will never be treated as “part of the job.” PANJ will continue to advocate relentlessly on behalf of member safety.

On February 3, 2026, PANJ met with representatives of the Judiciary to address concerns related to this incident and to discuss measures aimed at reducing the likelihood of similar occurrences in the future. It is PANJ’s understanding that in-person reviews of all reporting areas will be conducted, along with evaluations to identify and improve safety measures. PANJ also requested an independent expert separate from Judicial Security to conduct assessments across all divisions.

Members are reminded that if something feels “off” in any way, it should be reported immediately to your Supervisor and Division Manager. If there is a safety concern or threat, please complete an incident report.

After submitting an incident report, members should request a copy from Judicial Security at security.court-judicial@njcourts.gov. Once received, please forward a copy to the PANJ Office at PANJ1@panj.org.

These reports are critical. They allow PANJ to follow up on incidents and ensure that safety concerns are properly addressed by the Judiciary.

PANJ remains committed to advocating for safer working conditions and supporting our members.

In Solidarity,

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