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Legislator Gregory Calls for Online Dating Service Providers to Require Disclosure of Domestic Violence History of its Users



Monday, February 1, 2010 Suffolk County Legislator DuWayne Gregory (D- Amityville) sent a letter to the executives of the top three United States based online dating service providers E.Harmony.com, Match.com, and Yahoo Personals to request them to voluntarily require their users to disclose a prior history of domestic violence. The online dating industry has been a rapidly growing industry generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue. Gregory says, "Requiring disclosure of a prior domestic violence history is a small safety measure to help these users that will potentially save lives."

Legislator DuWayne Gregory recognizes that domestic violence is a problem throughout the nation and has been a major concern of his. In 2006 there were over 34,000 reported incidents of domestic violence in Suffolk County. Generally, domestic violence offenders repeat their abuse. Gregory's intentions are to have information available for online dating users so that they can make an informed decision prior to dating someone. "There are many programs by various groups, but few efforts at prevention of domestic violence at this level. If we can get the online dating users this information prior to making a decision to date someone then that is a win," states DuWayne Gregory.