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Attorney General Jon Bruning

# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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## Attorney General Bruning Announces Charges Against Hospital CFO

(Lincoln, NE) Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced his office has filed three counts of theft by deception against Jeffrey A. Lulf in Fillmore County.

Lulf is the former chief financial officer for the Fillmore County Hospital. A Nebraska State Patrol Investigation uncovered Lulf's illegal use of a signature stamp on three checks totaling \$13,009.55, which were deposited in his personal checking account.

"In stealing thousands of dollars from the hospital, Mr. Lulf stole from the people of Fillmore County. What he has done is unacceptable, and we will work to bring him to justice," Bruning said.

The checks were cashed in September 2004, and March and June, 2005. Lulf did not have the authority to use the signature stamp, except for emergencies. The investigation found that in all three cases, Lulf's use was not an emergency.

"We have looked into Lulf's ATM transactions around that time frame and found large withdrawals from machines in Council Bluffs and casinos in the area," said Bruning.

Lulf was employed by the Fillmore County Hospital from May 1994 to December 2005. Theft by deception is a Class III Felony. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison or a \$25,000 fine, with a minimum of one year in prison.

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Attorney General Jon Bruning

# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 20, 2006, 11:00 a.m. CST

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## Attorney General Bruning Warns Petition Circulators Against Using Illegal Practices

(Lincoln, NE) Attorney General Jon Bruning today cautioned that as Nebraska's July 7 deadline for petition signatures approaches, circulators may become more aggressive in where and how they gather signatures. Circulators are often paid per signature collected.

"In no way are business owners obligated to allow petition circulators to collect signatures on their private property. It's up to the business owner, but if they want, they can kick any or all circulators off their property," Bruning said.

The Attorney General's Office has received several calls regarding petition circulators. One of the most recent complaints involved two circulators who were gathering signatures near Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha on Saturday, June 17. One witness says the circulators were using a Wheel-of-Fortune-type game to either entice or reward people who signed the petition(s). The Attorney General's Office is investigating the complaint.

"The initiative process is an important tool for Nebraskans, and we take these allegations very seriously. Paying or rewarding someone for signing a petition is a Class IV felony," Bruning said.

If you have a concern about where or how petition signatures are gathered, contact the Attorney General's Office toll-free at (800) 727-6432.

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# CONSUMER NEWS



Jon Bruning  
Nebraska Attorney General

## Are Your Children Safe Online?

While the Internet can be a fun learning tool, it also poses serious risks to children. The anonymity it provides sexual predators makes them even more difficult to catch.

The statistics are frightening. According to a report by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- 1 in 5 children who regularly use the Internet are sexually solicited;
- 1 in 17 are harassed or threatened;
- 1 in 33 receive an aggressive sexual solicitation or are asked to meet;
- 70% of aggressive online solicitations occur in the child's home;
- Less than 10% of those children who are sexually solicited report it to authorities.

The Nebraska Attorney General's Office, with assistance from Nebraska's Educational Service Units (ESUs), has made educating children and their parents on the dangers that lurk online a top priority. You can help by monitoring your children's activities and talking with them about the dangers of the Internet.

Here is a list of acronyms young people and predators alike use to communicate online.

- 121 - One to one
- A/S/L? - Age, sex, location?
- IWALU - I will always love you
- KOC - Kiss on cheek
- KOL - Kiss on lips
- CID - Crying in disgrace
- F2F - Face to face
- NP - Nosy parents
- LMIRL - Let's meet in real life

If you'd like a list of nearly 200 online acronyms, visit [www.ago.state.ne.us](http://www.ago.state.ne.us).

Working together, we can help deter Internet predators



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTORS, EXPERTS LAUNCH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN**

(Omaha, NE) – The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, or DVCC, together with the Attorney General’s Office, Omaha Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff’s Department, area prosecutors and representatives from Catholic Charities, the YWCA and Heartland Family Services today launched a public awareness campaign called *The Silence Stops Here*.

The campaign is designed to encourage citizens of the Omaha metro and across Nebraska to ask for help if they or someone they know is a victim of domestic violence.

“The recent homicides in Omaha are a tragic reminder that domestic violence is a serious social issue that affects every community,” said Karen Hadley, Executive Director of the DVCC.

During the next month, the DVCC and its community partners will concentrate their ongoing efforts to provide educational materials and advice to help friends and family know what to say to help those who may be involved in a volatile relationship.

“One word of encouragement or one act of support can mean the difference between life and death for someone in an abusive relationship,” Attorney General Jon Bruning said.

*The Silence Stops Here* campaign is not only to alert the community to this important issue, but also to reassure residents that the DVCC and its partners continue to work diligently to promote effective prevention, intervention, and treatment techniques for individuals and groups working with domestic violence victims and offenders.

Show your support by visiting local restaurants participating in *The Silence Stops Here* campaign, July 25, 2006. For more information about domestic violence and participating restaurants, visit [www.dvccomaha.org](http://www.dvccomaha.org).

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### **What is domestic violence?**

Domestic violence is an escalating pattern of abuse where one partner in an intimate relationship controls the other through force, intimidation, or the threat of violence. Abuse comes in many forms, not just physical.

### **What to say if you believe someone you know is in a volatile relationship:**

- No one deserves to be abused.
- I am concerned about your health and safety.
- I am concerned that it will only get worse.
- This is a very common problem.
- I am here for you when you are ready.
- You are not alone.

### **About the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, or DVCC:**

The DVCC is a community-based non-profit agency comprised of community leaders and partners from prosecution, law enforcement, probation, corrections, schools, victim services, animal protection, business, healthcare, legal services, local government and more. The YWCA, Catholic Charities, Heartland Family Service, Chicano Awareness Center, Heartland Refugee Resettlement, and RESPECT2 are non-profit partners who provide domestic violence services to the community. Services provided to victims and their children include community educational programs, cultural access and residential safe homes.



Attorney General Jon Bruning

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTORS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXPERTS TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE, 9:00 AM CST TOMORROW**

Attorney General Jon Bruning, his Criminal Bureau Chief Don Kleine and domestic violence investigator Charlie Venditte will join Karen Hadley from the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Omaha Police Chief Thomas Warren, Douglas County Attorney Stu Dornan, Douglas County Sheriff Tim Dunning, Omaha City Prosecutor Marty Conboy, Catholic Charities' Executive Director Scot Adams, YWCA Executive Director Peg Harriott and Heartland Family Service President and CEO Pete Tulipana at a news conference at **9:00 a.m.** tomorrow, **June 14**, at the **Lewis and Clark Landing in Omaha**.

The group will launch a public awareness campaign called *The Silence Stops Here*, as well as address recent cases of domestic violence in the Omaha metro.

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Attorney General Jon Bruning

# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m. CST

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## Attorney General Bruning Warns of Scam Using Candidate's Name

(Lincoln, NE) Attorney General Jon Bruning today warned Nebraskans about an e-mail scam from someone claiming to be Navy veteran and candidate for Nebraska Treasurer Shane Osborn.

“This scam is deeply troubling. These criminals are using the name and identity of a man who honorably served our nation in an attempt to scam Nebraskans,” Bruning said.

The e-mail, which is sent from Portugal, suggests Osborn is currently serving in Kuwait, and once served in Iraq. The message states Osborn needs help depositing \$25 million dollars in funds taken from Saddam Hussein. For the help, you are promised 30 percent of the money.

“Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is,” Bruning said.

If Nebraskans receive this, or a similar e-mail, they should not respond or click on the links included in the message. Instead, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division toll-free at (800) 727-6432.

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