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ADDITIONAL FLORIDA STATUTES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

741.28 Domestic violence; de nitions:

- (2) **D** means any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member.
- (3) "Family or household member" means spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit.

STALKING

784.048 Stalking; de nitions:

- (2) A person who , a , a , a a , a a , b a a commits the offense of stalking, a misdemeanor.
- (3) A person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person and makes a credible threat to that person commits the offense of aggravated stalking, a felony of the third degree.
- (1) As used in this section, the term:
 - (a) "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a speci c person which causes substantial emotional distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose.
 - (b)