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The Berlin Police Department has been chosen as part of a statewide pilot program in promoting the best practices in the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence incidents. The Berlin Police Department, the Connecticut State Police, and several other municipal police departments have been provided with Domestic Violence Investigation Kits as part of the pilot project.

The kits are designed to provide officers in the field with a variety of tools they can use to completely document a domestic violence incident. The kits include digital cameras, specially developed checklists, and other information sources for the victims of domestic violence incidents. Ultimately this consistency will increase abuser accountability and victim safety.

The Berlin Police Department is working with Domestic Violence Unit of the Chief States Attorney's Office to evaluate the effectiveness of the kits and the tools they include. Over an extended period of time and using information from the Berlin Police Department and the New Britain States Attorney's Office, the Domestic Violence Unit will evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the kits in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes.

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