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**ATIKAL FOUNDATION HOSTS BLOCDV DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BATTERERS REGISTRY  
CALL TO ACTION WITH GRINAGE FAMILY**

BOWIE, MD - On October 11, 2017, the Atikal Foundation will host a BLOCDV™ Call to Action to the DMV regions to reduce lethality from domestic violence occurrences; its impact on unborn children, victims and families; and propel the need for a Domestic Violence Batterers Registry. This is important for public safety to prevent further prevalence of domestic violence occurrences such as Zayla Strange of Falls Church, VA; Andrea Grinage of Capitol Heights, MD; Paula Renee Coles of Southeast, DC; Laura Wallen Howard County School Teacher; and Dasheria Barksdale of Alexandria, VA.

Hosted by the Atikal Foundation, Family of burn victim, Andrea Grinage, and Word of Life Christian Center, one hundred of the metropolitan area's lawmakers, state officials, law enforcement, domestic violence survivors, and frontline professionals, who serve, care for, and minister to victims of domestic violence are expected to attend.

**WHO:**

**Ceremony Speakers**

Son and family members of burn victim, Andrea Grinage

Angela Angel, MD State Delegate, District 25

Johnathan Medlock, Commissioner, City of District Heights, MD

Lynn Strange, Co-Chair, Domestic Violence PR Specialist, Clergy and Spiritual Advisor for the Grinage Family

Kita Williams, Co-Chair, and Executive Director, Atikal Foundation

Marc D. Talbert, Sr, Pastor, Word of Life Christian Center, Forestville, MD

**WHAT:**

BLOCDV™ Call to Action

**WHEN:**

October 11, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. EDT



**WHERE:**

Word of Life Christian Center  
3300-D Marlo Lane, Forestville, MD 20747

BLOCDV™, a program of the Atikal Foundation, was created by Kita Williams and Lynn Strange as a training and technical assistance program to assess and prevent the lethality of domestic violence disputes and incidents. The DV registry was an idea Ms. Lynn Strange pitched 3 years ago to key officials and community leaders. Ms. Strange is a DV Advocate, Clergy and Spokesperson for domestic violence survivor Yvette Cade, as well as the Atikal Foundation. The mission of the Atikal Foundation is to honor and empower survivors of domestic violence and cancer through love, faith, and service, using artistic expression, education and legal advocacy.

**NOTE: ALL MEDIA MUST PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID (such as driver's license) as well as VALID MEDIA CREDENTIALS.**

Cameras must be pre-set by 30 minutes prior to opening or closing ceremony. All press inquiries should be directed to Lynn Strange at (202) 830-5062. Additional information can be found at [www.atikal.org](http://www.atikal.org)

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