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## Sheriff Graziano's statement on S.C. abortion law

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Regarding Section 44-41-680 (C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Charleston County Sheriff Kristin Graziano provided this statement today:

"The Charleston County Sheriff's Office has been in communication with health care providers to determine appropriate steps to comply with the six-week abortion ban. Legislators in Columbia have tasked sheriffs and their agencies to receive reports from providers of women who were impregnated by rape or incest and were seeking to terminate their pregnancy.

I want the public to know that while these providers are now mandated by law to send us these reports regardless of the will of their patients, we will not contact the patient if she doesn't want us to. We will offer our support and investigative services only if they request it.

I know all too well the pain and heartache that comes from sexual assault, as a family member to a victim and as someone who has worked with them as a law enforcement officer. It is traumatizing, and my agency will do everything we can to offer care, solace and respect to these women who are seeking health care."

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