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CHARLESTON, IL--Two Charleston women are authors of a new book designed to aid in providing services for elder abuse victims.

Mrs. Sandra Rives and Marilyn Morrow produced the 255-page book titled "Guidelines to Protective Services for Senior Citizens."

Mrs. Rives is immediate past president of Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CADV), covering the counties of Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Douglas, Edgar, Shelby, and Moultrie. Ms. Morrow is a faculty member in the Health Education Department at Eastern Illinois University.

"Elder abuse is emerging as a social concern," Mrs. Rives said, "and there is an increasing need for the type of resource guide and training manual we have produced.

"Our effort is a unique resource for persons involved in aging, criminal justice, law enforcement, nursing, public aid, mental health, and domestic violence," Mrs. Rives said.

In CADV's seven-county area elder abuse does exist, said the authors. "As an element of domestic violence, elder abuse is legally a crime," Ms. Morrow said.

The book stemmed from an "Elder Abuse Awareness" project developed by CADV and funded by the Eastern Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging through Title III (Older Americans Act).

The book is available to agencies and individuals through the CADV office with a suggested donation of \$2. Additional copies to the same address are 50 cents each. Requests should be sent to Post Office Box 732, Charleston, Illinois, 61920, with a check made out to CADV.