

FAILURE TO ARREST: A PILOT STUDY OF POLICE RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN RURAL ILLINOIS

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I. INTRODUCTION

Picture a rural community.¹ In this particular community, there is no

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1. For purposes of this Article, a rural county is one that is defined as a non-metropolitan county by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") with a population of less than 50,000. See OFFICE OF MGMT. & BUDGET, OMB BULLETIN NO. 08-01, UPDATE OF STATISTICAL AREA DEFINITIONS AND GUIDANCE ON THEIR USES (Nov. 20, 2007), <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/fy2008/b08-01.pdf>. Note that micropolitan areas are counted as "non-rural" for purposes of this Article. See *id.* (defining Micropolitan Statistical Areas as areas that have an urban population between