

Navigating Abuser and Victim Behavior Through the Court Process

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Can Anyone Relate?



Objectives:

- Examine the process of **recantation** and **reconciliation** following law enforcement intervention;
- Identify and explore the importance of **evidence-based investigation, prosecution, and collaboration** to hold offenders accountable;
- Explore methods to **implement change** and improvement in responding to recantation.

State v. Taj Zipperman



First Interaction With Law Enforcement

July 11, 2022

Victim's 14-year-old son
texts 911

Call Details Report AIRBUS DS Communications
home of VESTA®
Creation Date: 10/08/2022 04:19:13 PM

Detail Information
TTY Conversation

S02:38:19 OP4 > ****Baudot Detected****
S02:38:19 OP4 > ****Baudot HCO****
C02:38:19 OP4 > SMS
S02:38:19 OP4 > ****Baudot Detected****
C02:38:20 OP4 > : MY NAMES CARSON [REDACTED] M 14 YEARS OLD AND MY STEPDAD IS HITTING MY MOM THIS HAS HAPPENED MULTIPLE TIMES. I LIVE AT [REDACTED] CANTON GEORGIA GA

C02:38:20 OP4 >
C02:38:58 OP4 > what road does [REDACTED] run off of

C02:40:08 OP4 > HIGHWAY 20 GA

C02:40:08 OP4 >
O02:40:24 OP4 > does your stepdad have any weapons

C02:40:59 OP4 > NO GA

C02:40:59 OP4 >
O02:41:08 OP4 > has he been drinking or doing any drugs

C02:41:59 OP4 > HE MAY HAVE BEEN DRINKING A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE THEY WENT OUT TO EAT BUT I DONT THINK MUCH GA

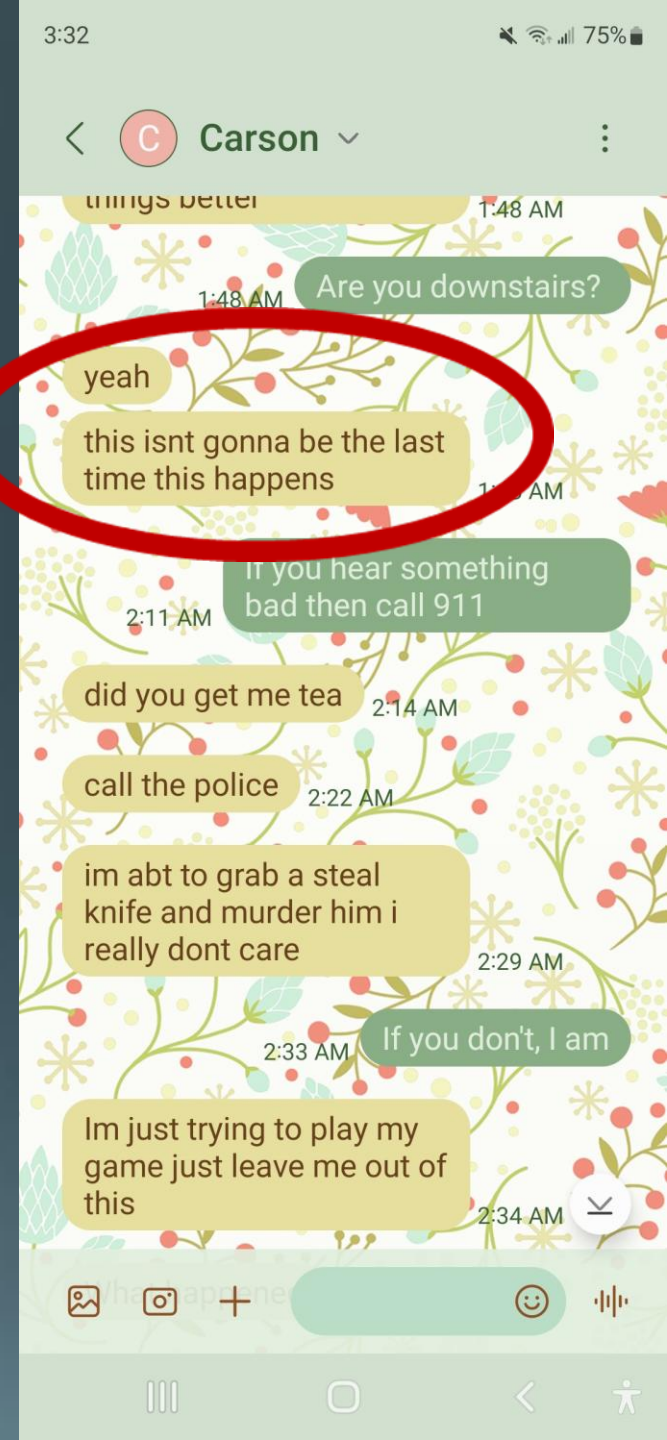
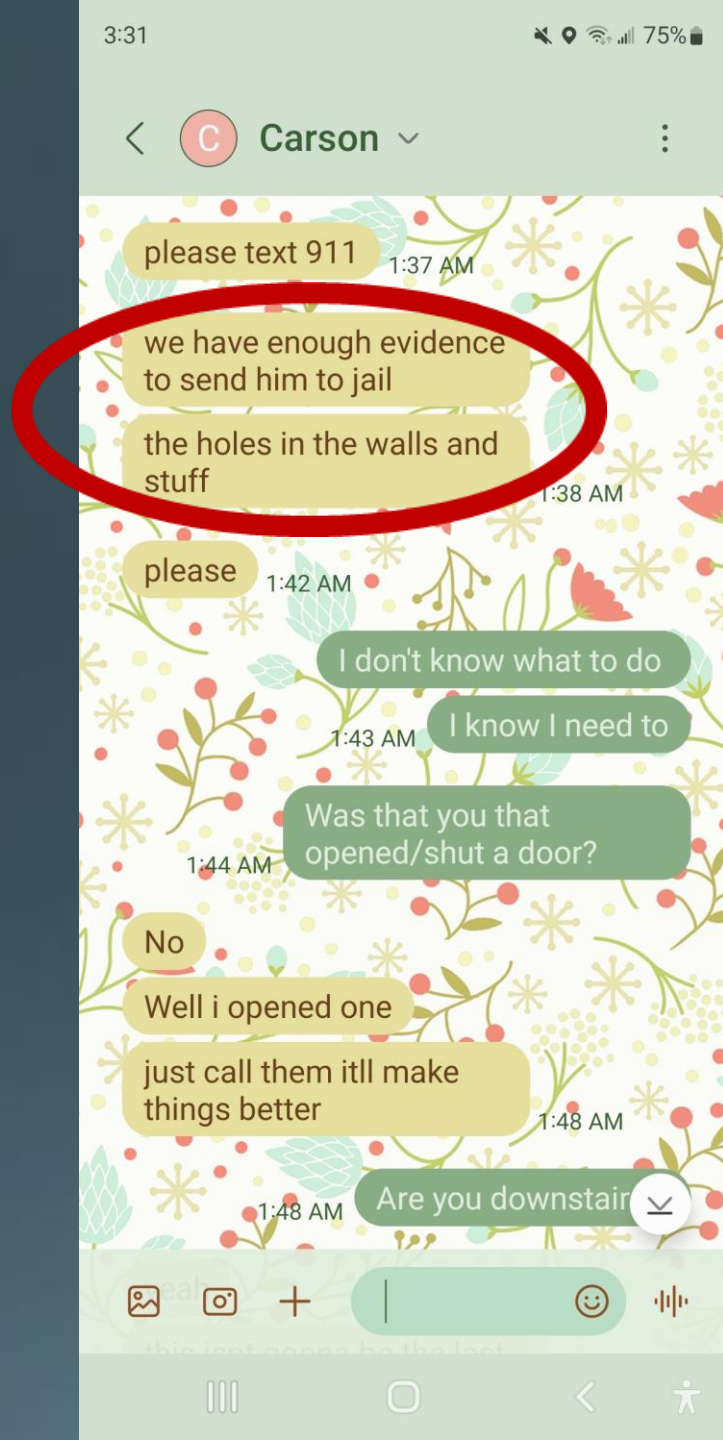
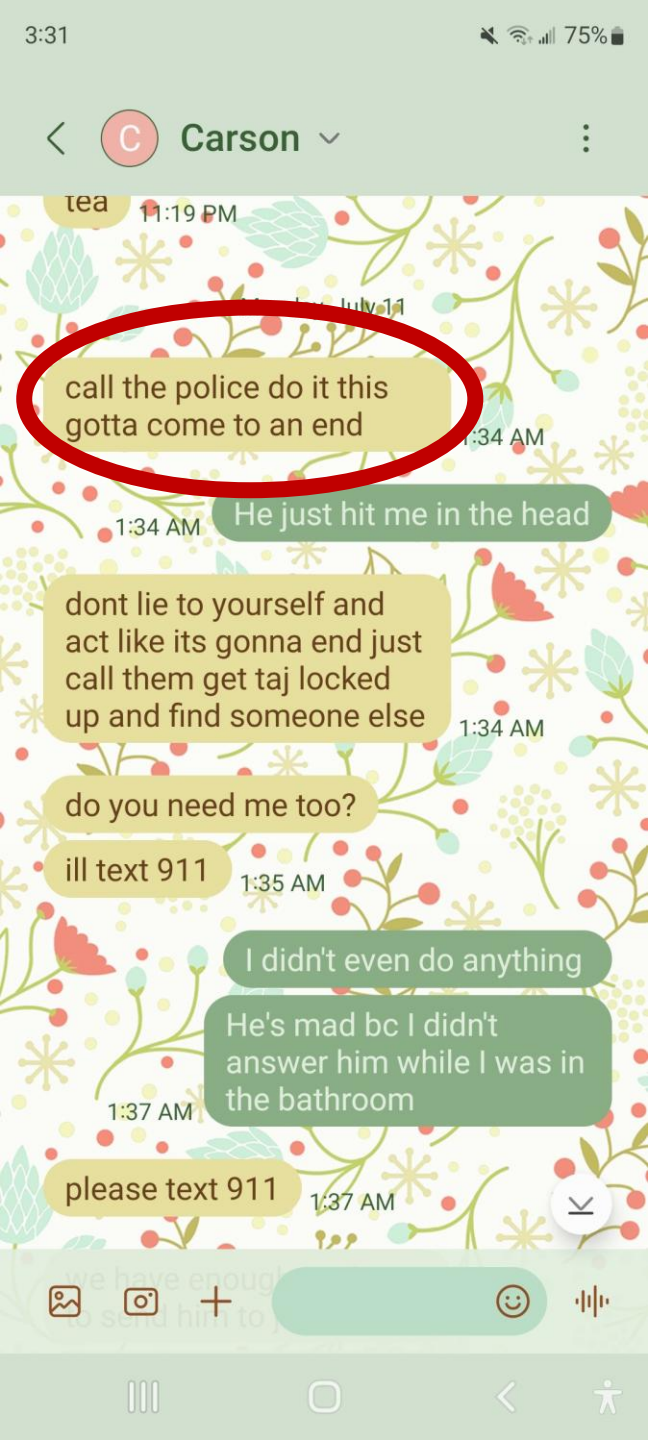
C02:41:59 OP4 >
C02:42:18 OP4 > AND NO DRUGS THAT I KNOW OF GA

C02:42:18 OP4 >
O02:42:29 OP4 > where are your mom and step dad right now

C02:44:33 OP4 > MY STEPDAD IS IN HIS ROOM AND MY MOMS IN THE LIVING ROOM GA

C02:44:33 OP4 >
O02:44:52 OP4 > okay we should have officers at the house

O02:46:11 OP4 > ill let you go ahead and meet with them



First interaction with law enforcement

- Natalie tells responding deputies that they had dinner and drinks and got into an argument after defendant claims she was not answering him when he was talking to her.
- During argument, defendant began yelling at her and slapped her in the head.
- Defendant admitted to getting into an argument, but claimed the victim started it and he just shoved her away.

First interaction with law enforcement

- Evidence Collection & Documentation
 - No lethality assessment is conducted.
 - No follow-up investigation is conducted.
 - Case is not assigned to CID.

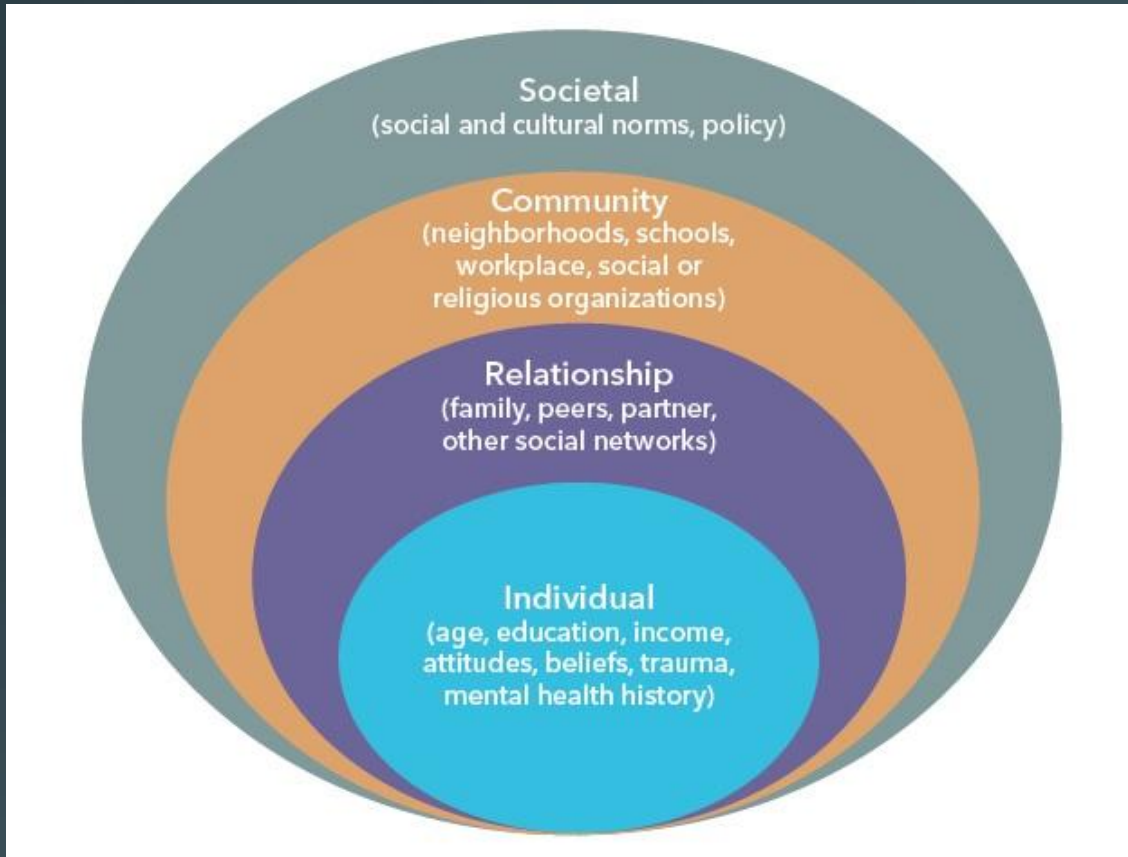
FIRST ARREST

Simple Battery (FVA)

Do any of these phrases sound familiar?

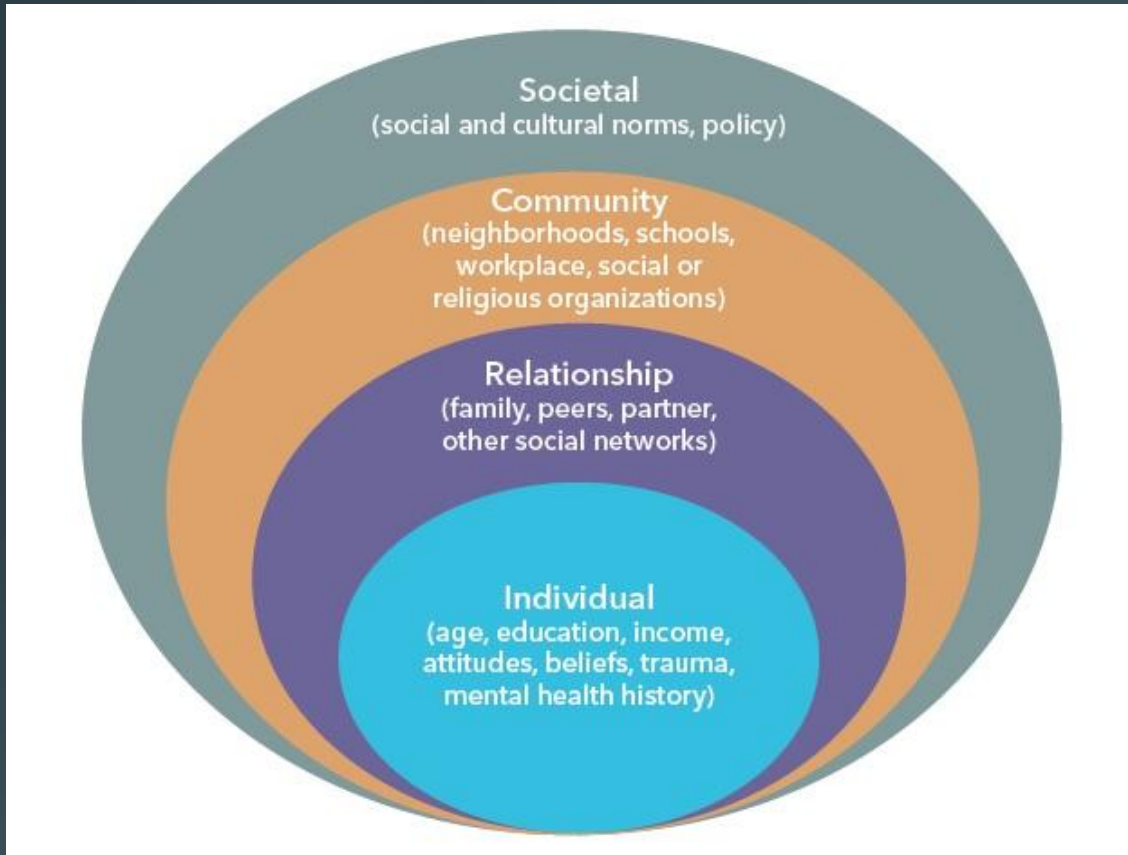
- Why don't you two just separate for the night?
- Why should I care if she doesn't?
- If he doesn't want to prosecute, why should we waste our time?
- She's just going to go right back anyways.
- We should arrest her for violating the bond conditions too.
- If I have to come back out here again, somebody is going to jail.

Abusers and Victims: How did we get here?



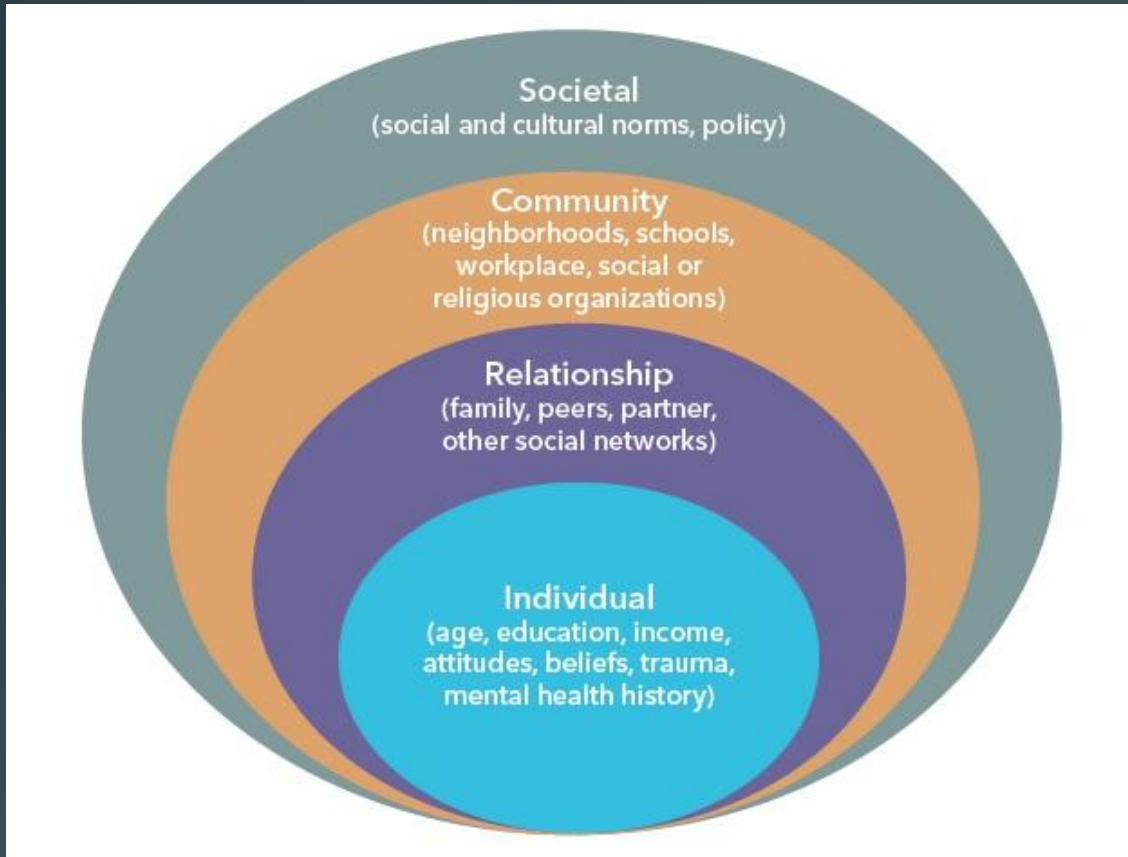
- The CDC utilizes a four-level social-ecological model to understand violence.
- The model looks at factors that
 - Put people at risk for violence
 - OR
 - Protect them from **experiencing** or **perpetrating** violence.

Individual Risk Factors



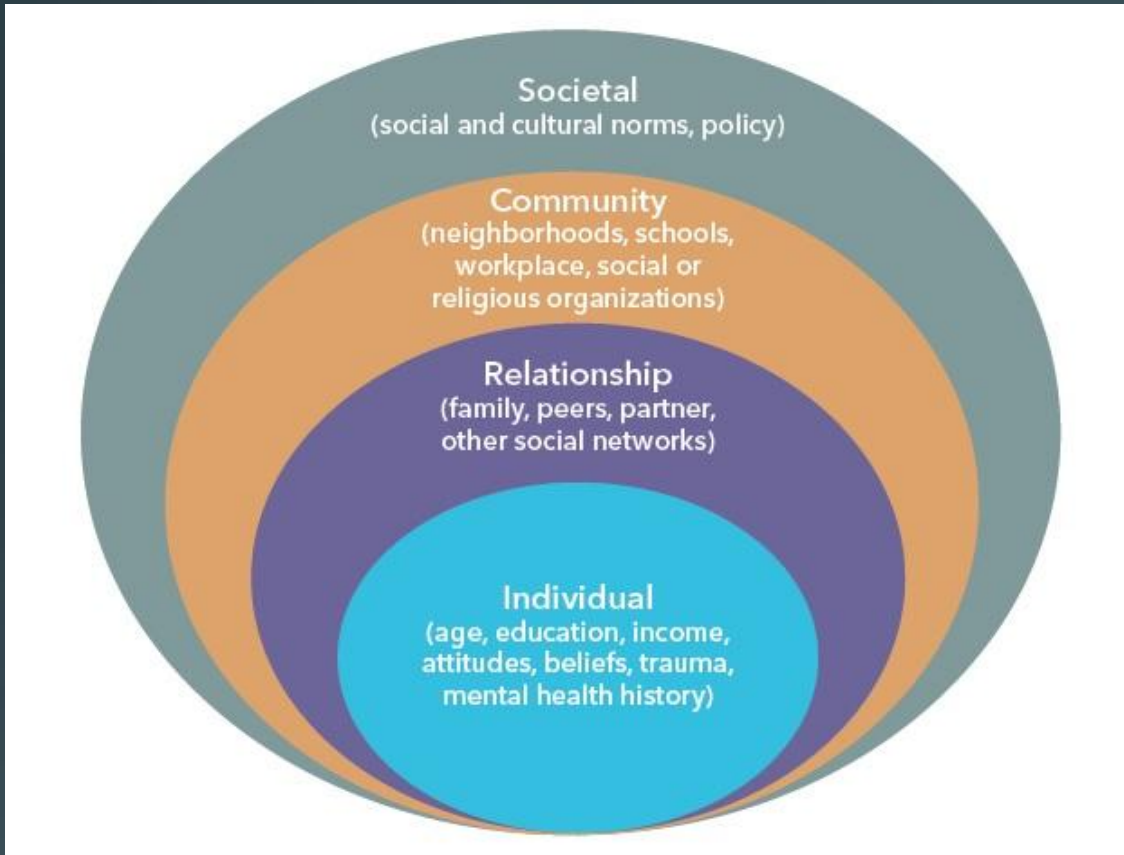
- Low self-esteem
- Low education or income
- Depression or suicide attempts
- Anger and hostility
- Having few friends/being isolated
- Economic stress
- History of physical or emotional abuse in childhood

Relationship Factors



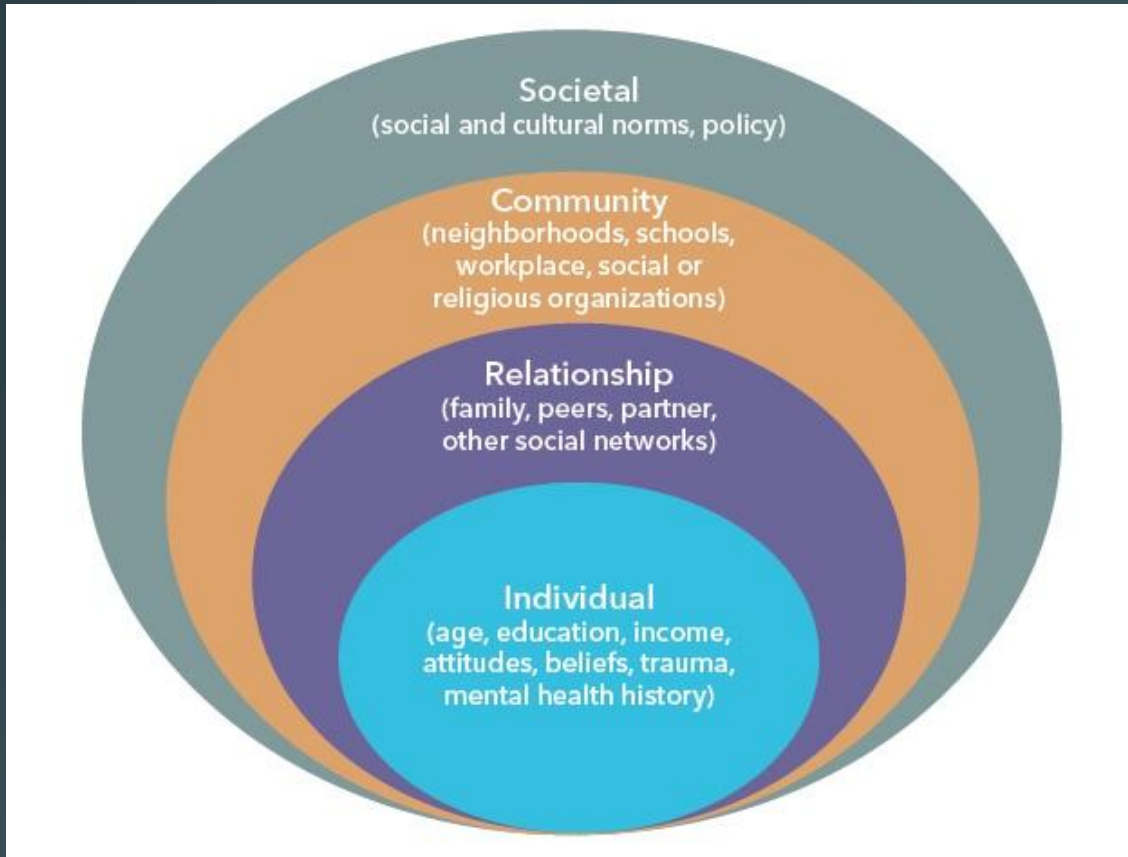
- Unhealthy family relationships
- Association with antisocial and aggressive peers
- Parents with less than high-school education
- Witnessing violence as a child

Community Factors



- High poverty rates
- High unemployment rates
- Low community involvement amongst residents
- Communities with easy access to drugs and alcohol
- Weak community sanctions against IPV (unwillingness of neighbors to intervene when they witness violence)

Societal Factors

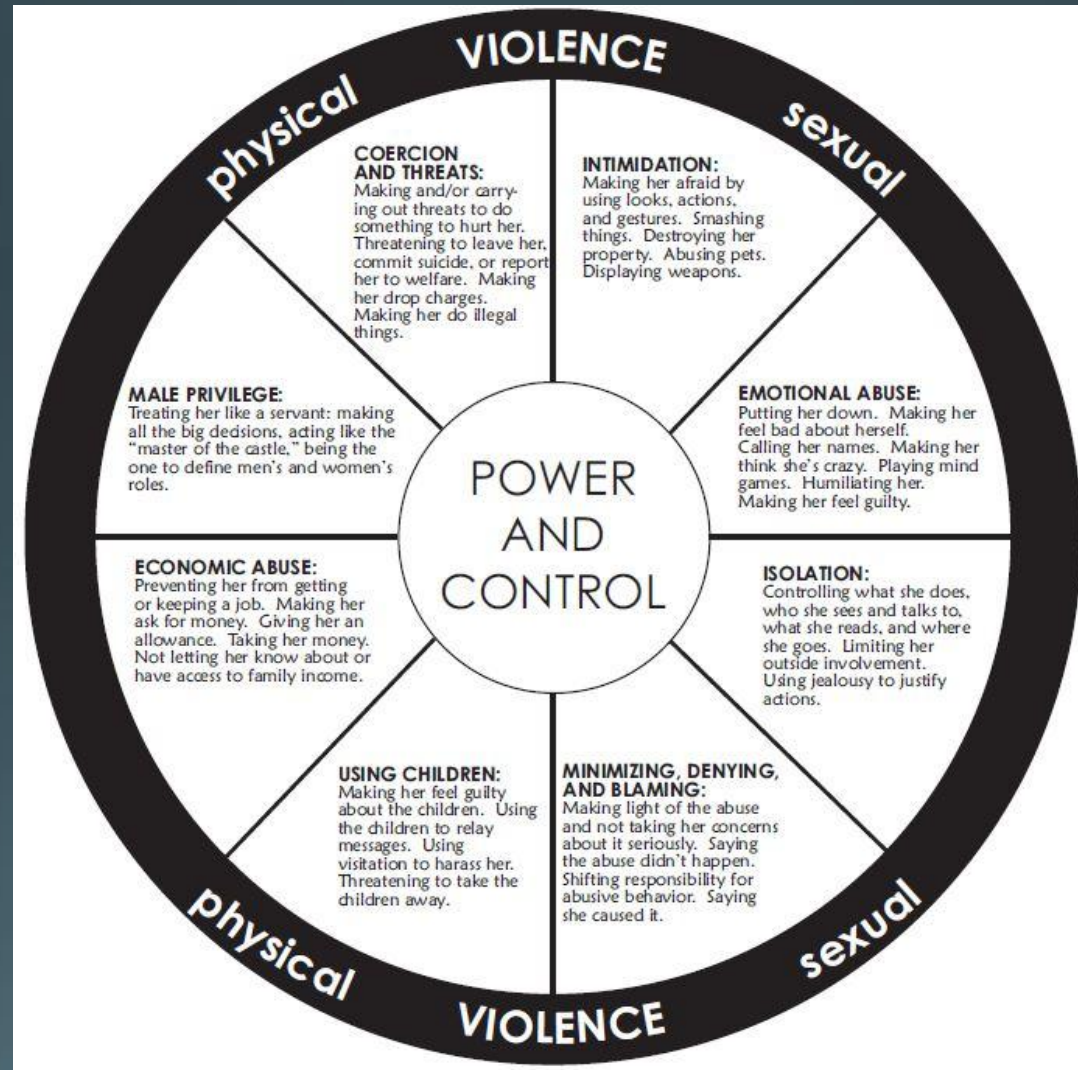


- Traditional gender norms and gender inequality (women should be submissive and men should make the decisions)
- Societal income inequality
- Weak health, educational, economic, and social policies
- Cultural norms that support aggression towards others

Common Abuser Traits



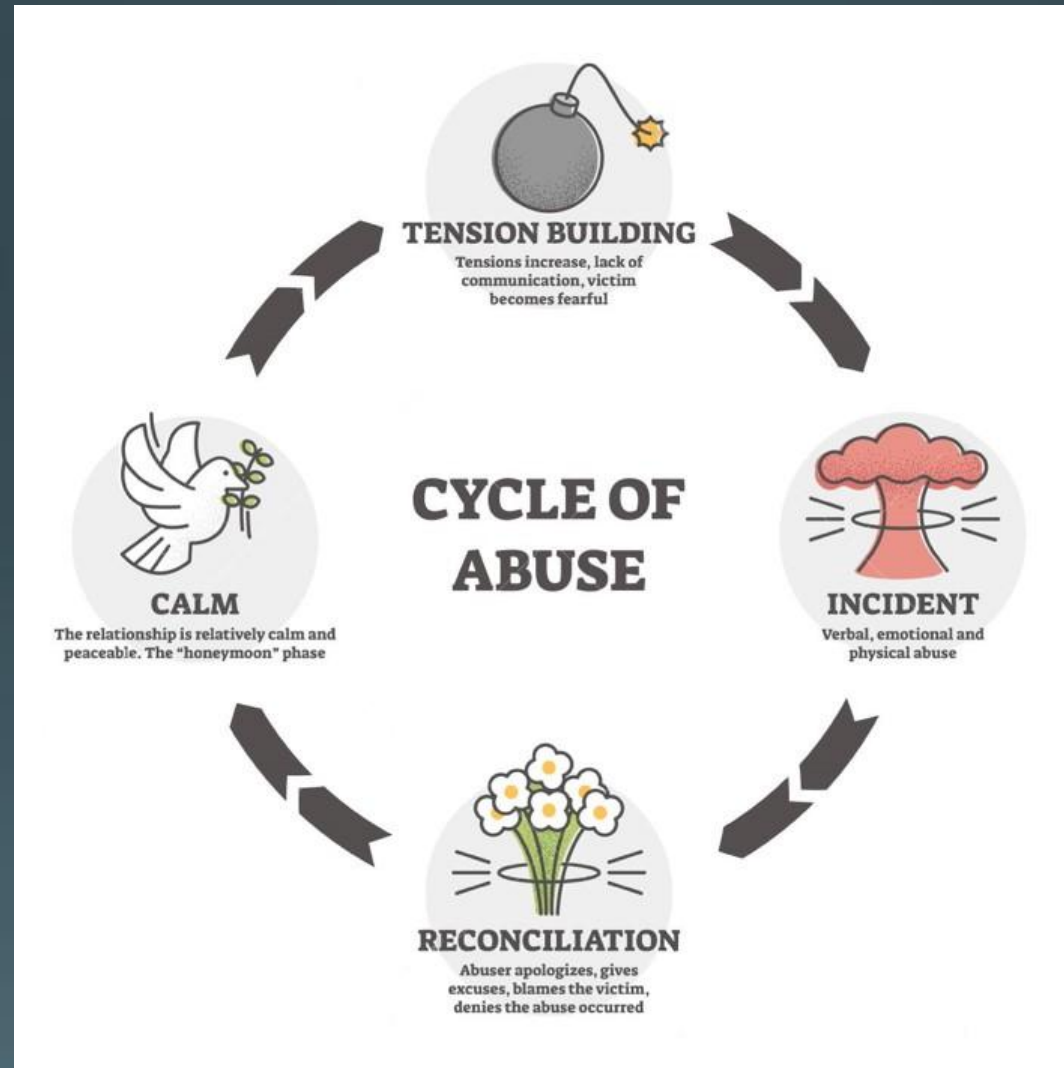
Under the Surface: Abuser Traits



Common Victim Traits



Under the Surface: Victim Traits



Why Doesn't She Just Leave?

- Emotional dependence and love built between partners
- Sharing of past traumas, extreme bonding
- Isolation, nowhere else to turn
- Economic dependence
- Failure to see behaviors as abuse, minimizing
- Fear of court system
- Fear violence could get worse
- Concern over safety and welfare of children
- Hope that the abuse will stop
- Depression



5-Step Process to Recant

- Step 1
 - Heated argument. Victim is feeling very strong and wants to go forward as a witness.
- Step 2
 - Perpetrator minimized the abuse, that it was not serious. The abuse does not rise to the level of the charge.
 - CRITICAL STEP- Perpetrator casts himself as the victim and how much he suffered in jail or will suffer if he goes to jail
- Step 3
 - Perpetrator bonds with the victim and they are against the “others.”

5-Step Process to Recant

- Step 4
 - Perpetrator asks victim to recant her accusation against him and the victim complies.
- Step 5
 - A new story is developed together

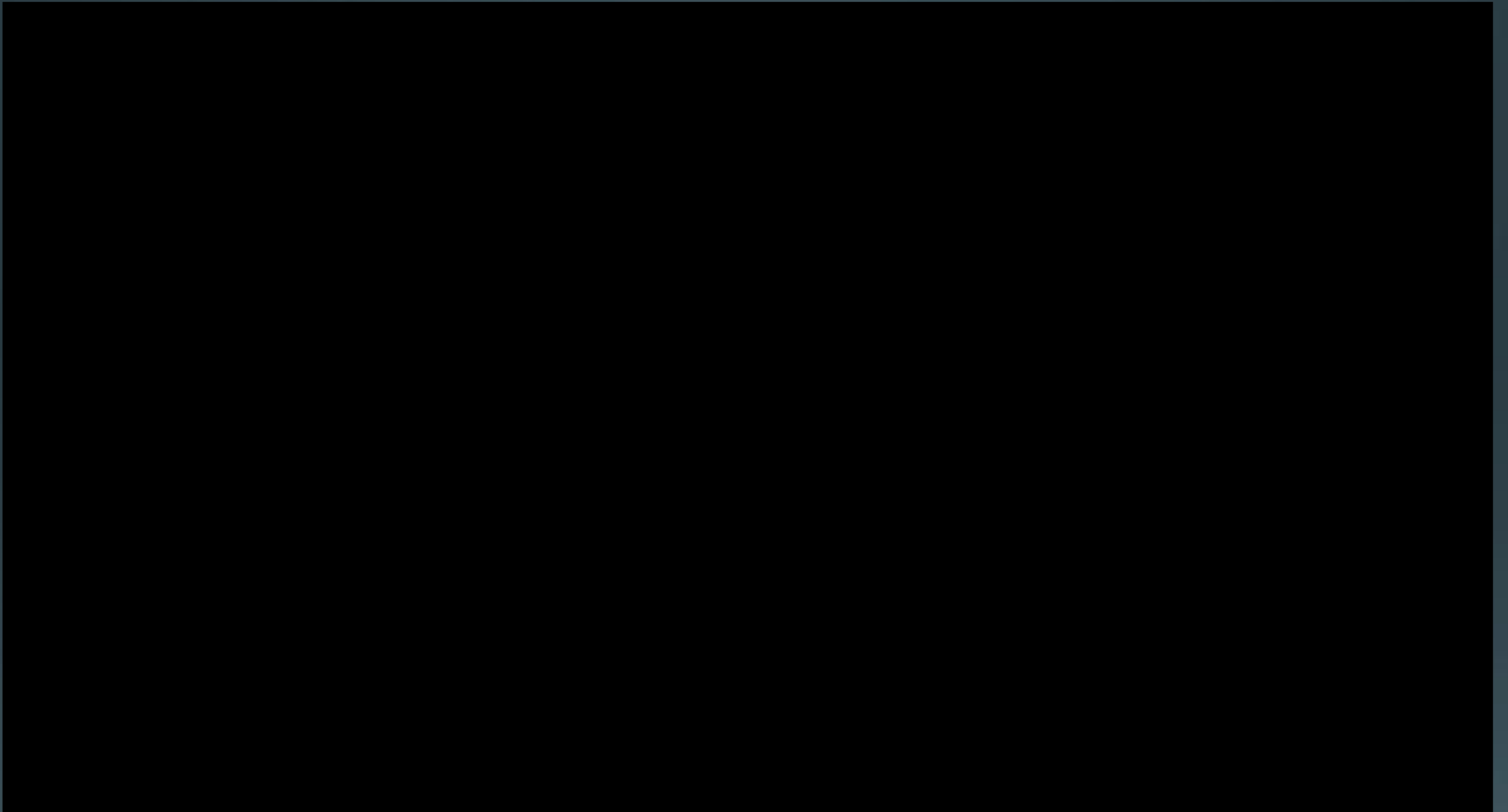
(Bonomi, AE, et al, "Meet me at the Hill Where We Used to Park": Interpersonal Process Associated with Victim Recantation." Social Science & Medicine 28 July 2011)

Taj Zipperman – Out on Bond

- Following his arrest for Simple Battery (FVA), Taj gets bond the same day (\$1000) subject to special conditions that include:
 - No contact with the victim.
 - No return to the residence.
- He bonds out around 4:00am on July 12th

Taj Zipperman – Out on Bond

- Natalie is contacted prior to his release and is informed of conditions.
- On July 12th at 11:30pm, Natalie hears her garage door open.
- Zipperman enters through the garage but is unable to enter the residence because a deadbolt is engaged.
- Natalie records her interaction with him BUT does not report it.
- He is there for **over an hour**. **captions are not perfect**







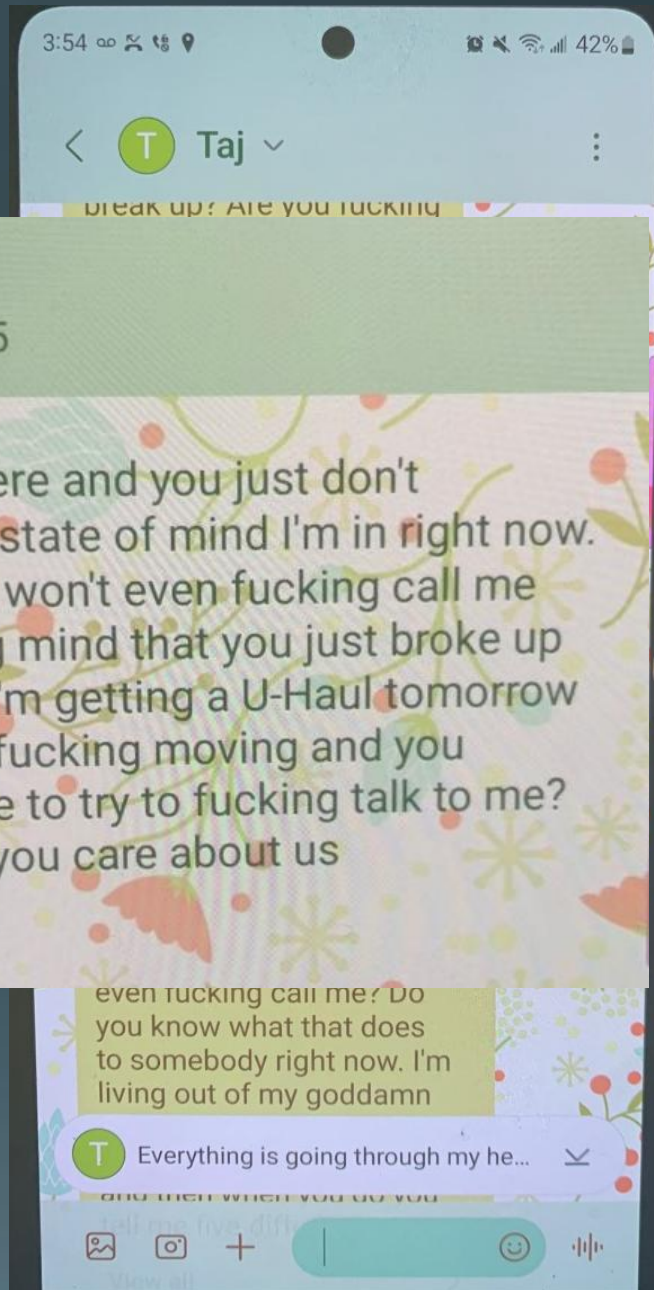
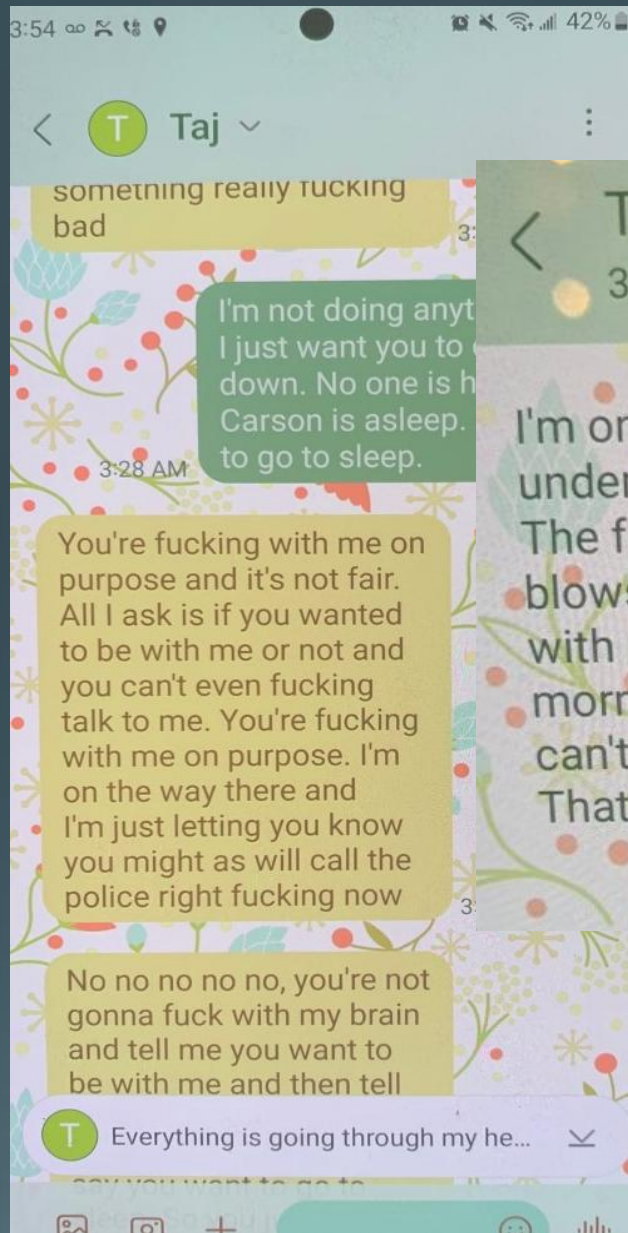
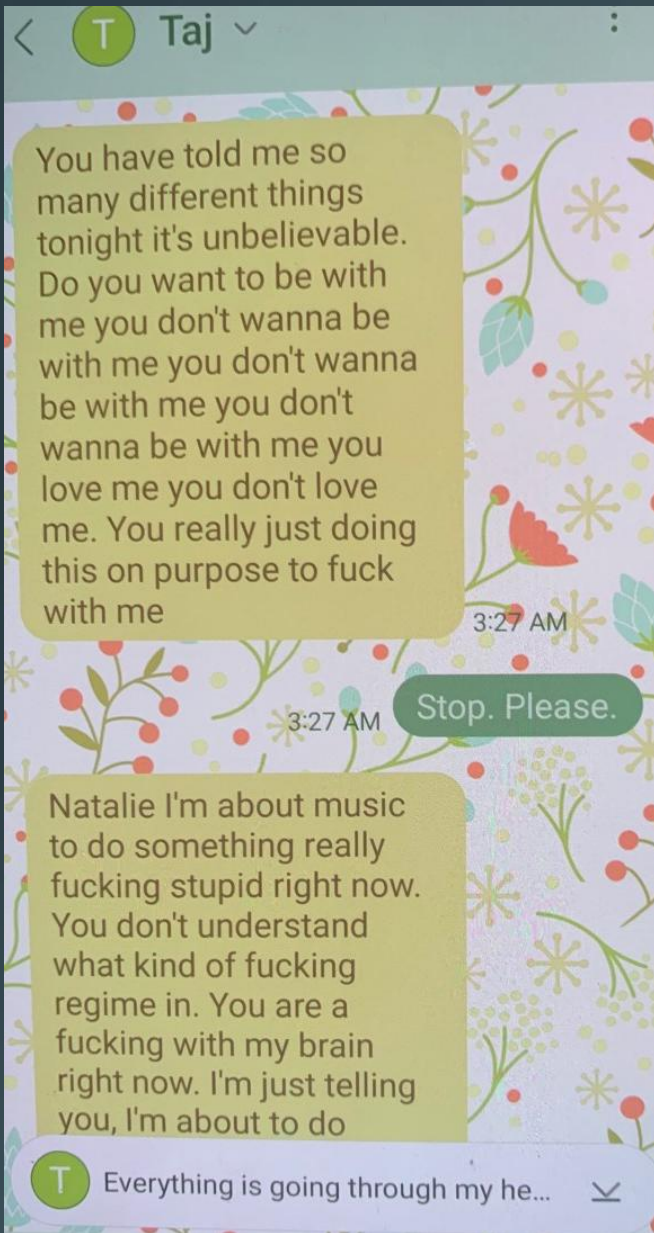


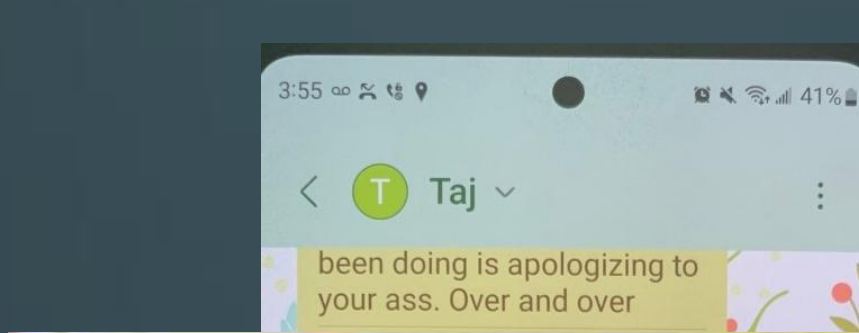
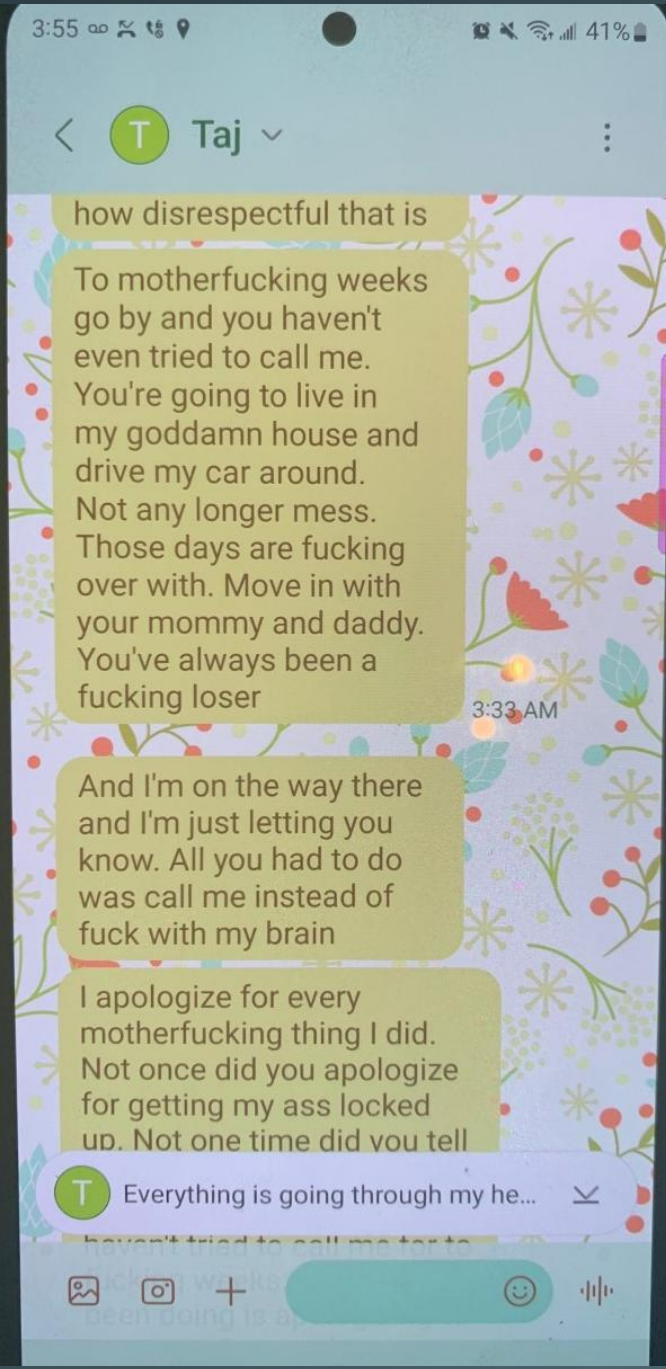


WHAT DID YOU HEAR?

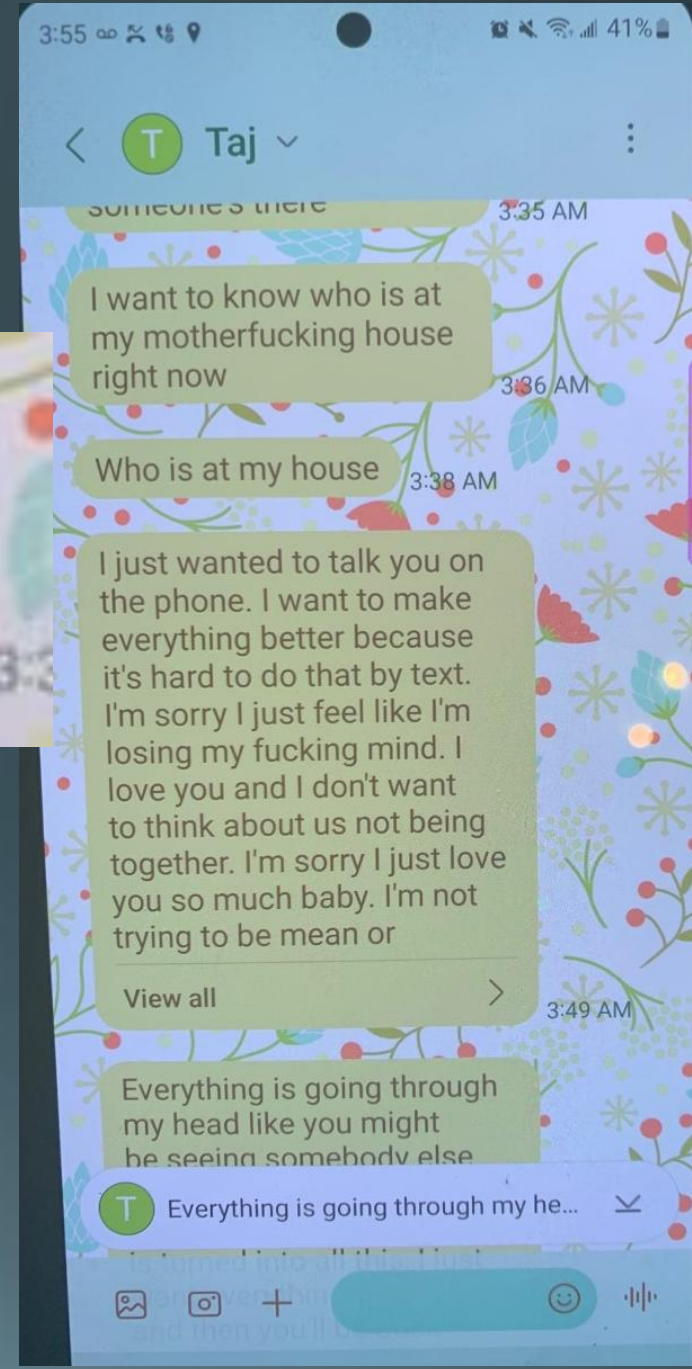
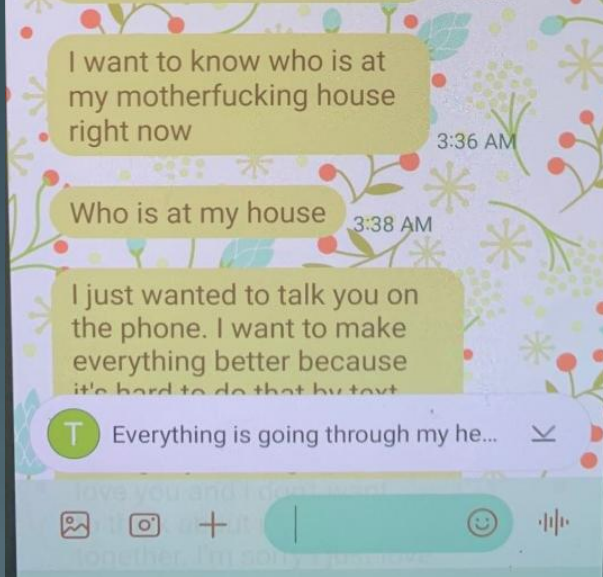
Taj Zipperman – Second Interaction With Law Enforcement

- By July 25, 2022, Natalie reaches another breaking point.
- Deputies respond back out after she reports Zipperman has been making threats via text message.
- He calls her 4 times while the deputy is investigating the allegations.
- Natalie is visibly shaking and crying and expresses fear for herself and her child.





That's disrespectful and that will drive somebody to kill someone



SECOND ARREST

Violation of TPO

Out on Bond . . . Again

- Zipperman is arrested and makes bond on July 27th.
- Additional special conditions are ordered prohibiting contact and return to the residence.

Out on bond . . . Again

- Two days later, the victim is on her way home from work when she sees the defendant pull out behind her.
- He gestures for her to pull over and she does.
- He tells her he isn't mad at her or her son.
- He invites her to dinner and the two meet out of county.
- He gives her a **burner phone** and had one for himself so they can "keep in contact."

First Text Message Received on Burner Phone

Direction:

Incoming

Body:

I love u so much baby

Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

Direction:

Outgoing

Body:

I'm saying you need counseling and anger management. And I'll go to counseling too if you want. We cannot do what we did last night fighting. That's what I don't want anymore. Neither one of us can take it. You, me or Carson. It's not healthy!

Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

Direction:

Incoming

Body:

And thank you for helping get all this turned over tomorrow when you talk to my attorney. I knew you would end up doing the right thing to help me out. I just need you to stand by me this time so I can get out of jail time and we get this straight. Let's get all of this over with as quickly as possible so me and you can get married. I don't care if we just go to the courthouse and then go on all inclusive to Dominican. I just want to marry you because you are so much more than a girlfriend to me. I meant that when I said it last night. I feel like an idiot for not have marrying you yet as good as you have been to me baby. I mean that

Burner Phone

- Burner phone is later provided to law enforcement
- Thousands of messages sent by the defendant within the span of three to four days.
- Many are threatening or harassing in nature.

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 6:11:43
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

I had to force u to have sex. I thought u would be jumping all over me after almost 3 weeks. Whatever , I knew somthjn wasn't right and I can still tell. I'm not stupid

Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 6:28:18
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

Sitting here talking about serious stuff and you saw that I called and now you're not even bothering to call back? So f***** disrespectful

Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 6:29:13
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Outgoing

Body:

Are you seriously getting mad? Over what? You were just saying all this nice stuff and now you're getting mad again??????

Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 6:29:42
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:
Because you're disrespectful as f***. We are talking about serious s*** and you can't even pick up the phone and call. Even after I tell you to

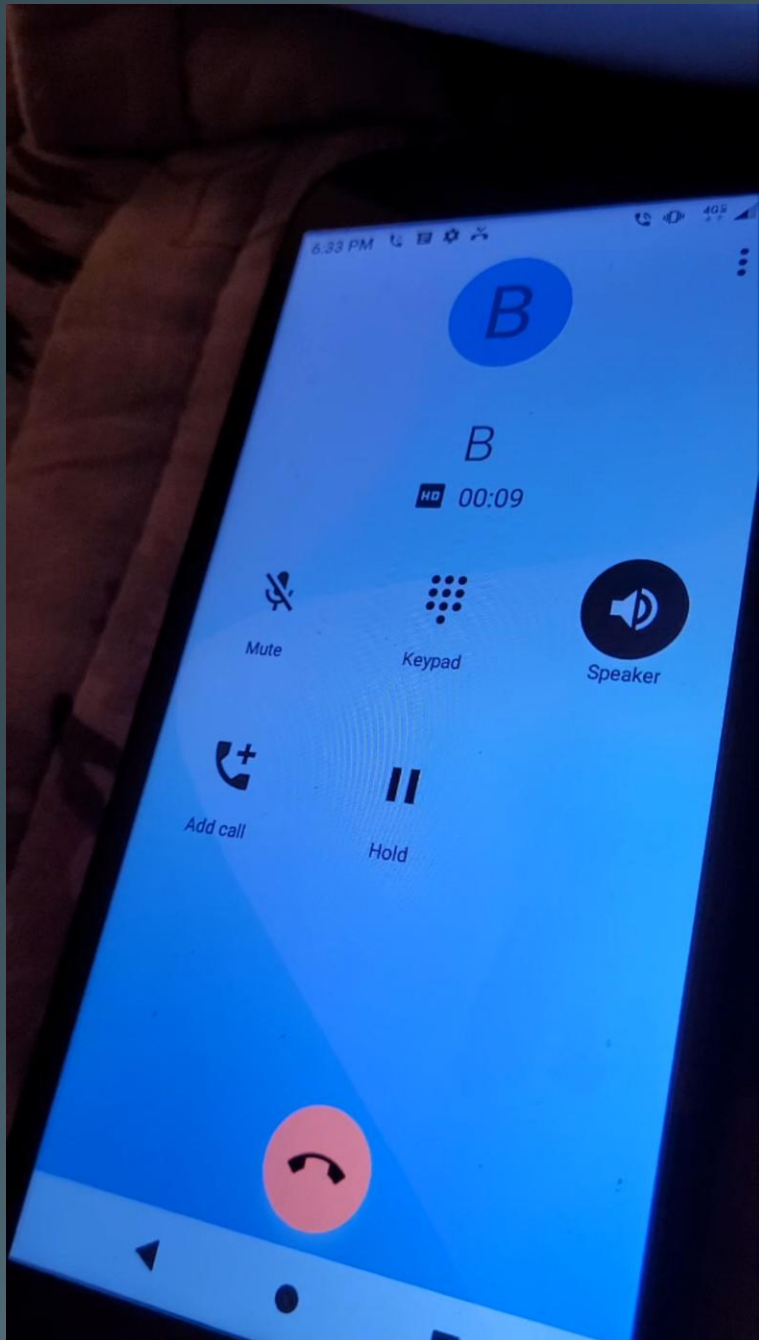
Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played



Timestamp:
7/31/2022 7:01:28
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

Quit typing. I'm breaking up with you as of right now. I'm done with this b****. I'm f**** done with this. I tried to take you out last night and you acted like a little b****. And then we came home to our bedroom and I had to force you to have f**** sex. The only reason you did is because you didn't want me to call the cops because you pulled a gun on me

Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 7:04:39
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

It's over with. I don't want your help anymore. Do not go to my attorney. Keep being buddies with the f***** prosecutor and you can both suck my f***** dick. I hate your guts

Participants:

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 7:12:31
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

And get your s*** and get the f*** out of my house. You can't afford to stay there and everyone knows that. So get your s*** and just get the f*** out so I can be at my house and not be homeless. It isn't right what you're doing to me. Just get your s*** and leave. Every other time we broke up you go to your parents house so this is like every other time

Participants:

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 7:12:53
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

Just let me have my house back, you're not going to be able to afford it anyways so just get the f*** out of there please. I should not be homeless because of this. I shouldn't be sleeping in my car right now in a parking lot. Just get your stuff and leave and let me come back to my house

Participants:

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 7:13:12
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

It would be different if you could afford it but we both know that you would not live in that house without me. Do the right thing and just get your s*** and go so I can be at my house and move on

Participants:

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 7:23:39
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

This is your last chance to talk to me natalie. I'm seriously done and I swear on your life. I'm not going to make life changing decisions and talk to you about this by text. If you want to call me you can. If not I hope you go die

Participants:

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 8:21:38
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Outgoing

Body:

We were literally sitting there telling each other how much we love each other and that we were going to get things right and make an end all this stuff and then the next thing I know you're completely opposite I literally don't even know why

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 8:21:45
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

I was never so happy, I never trusted you from the day you cheated on me and I never will trust you. I can find somebody that wants to have sex with me and wants to do stuff without me begging them. There's nothing worse than having to beg someone to have sex with you. You should be sucking my dick the minute I walk in the door after I haven't seen you in 3 weeks

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 9:14:31
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Direction:
Incoming

Body:

I just caught you in a mother f***** lie and now you won't even tell me what you were going to tell the attorney because you're going to go in there half ass telling him some half ass b*****. I told you yesterday or when I saw you at bowling Park the other day that either you or 100% going to recount all of that s*** or I was not going to be with you and you promised me that's what you were going to do

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 9:30:42
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

Go f*** with somebody else but I'm done with you forever. I hate you and your stupid ass son. You're nothing but a cokehead gutter s*** Coke head gutter s***

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 9:16:58
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

That will be the last time you ever hang up on me or tell me you're going to do something and then end up being a complete liar. You promised me when I sat there at bowling Park that you would go and fix this for me. But I told you you can't go in there and be some half ass b***** about the prosecutor. You have to go and have everything dropped. And now you're telling me you're not even going to say that

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 10:36:32
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

Baby I'm not coming to the house, it's just killing me what's going on and I got to calm down

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 10:41:46
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

I'm not coming over so please do not call the police. Don't do that to me. I just feel like I'm going crazy because you're telling me so many different things. Don't do that to me. You told me you wanted to be with me

Timestamp:
7/31/2022 11:52:52
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

I thought you were on my team Natalie. I thought you loved me and wanted to be with me

Timestamp:
8/1/2022 12:57:02
AM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

I just got done telling you that I was pissed off earlier but I was never going to hurt you. I was just losing my mind because of the crap you kept saying. I'm fine now though. I love you

August 1

- Defendant shows up at the house five times.
- He busts through a screened in porch and begins banging on the house door.
- Neighbors witness him at the home, but **nobody calls law enforcement.**

Timestamp:

8/1/2022 2:17:03
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:

Incoming

Body:

Natalie I'm just going to tell you straight up. You can call me on the phone or I'm going to come in and bust the f***** door down and you're going to have to call the cops. And I swear to God I'm not kidding. You're not going to go to me and not speak to me when this is the biggest moment of my life

Timestamp:
8/1/2022 2:22:58
PM(UTC+0)

Direction:
Incoming

Body:

I'm not going to yell at you. Why do you want to keep doing this all day? Let's just be done with this stupid s*** and be together

<p>Timestamp: 8/1/2022 3:20:46 PM(UTC+0)</p>	<p>Direction: Outgoing</p> <p>Body: I don't know what to do. I don't want to call the cops on you. I don't want you to go back to jail do not understand that that's why I'm not calling them but you're acting f***** nuts</p>
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August 5

- Neighbor sends a message claiming the defendant drove by house.
- She hears banging on the door but still doesn't want to call law enforcement.
- Instead, she contacts his attorney and begs him to make Taj stop.
- The attorney ultimately tells her to call 911 if she doesn't feel safe.

August 5

- Deputies stop Zipperman near the neighborhood and he admits he was at the home.
- He gives consent to search his vehicle, and they locate amphetamine pills.

FINAL ARREST

Aggravated Stalking &
Possession of a Schedule II

No bond this time.

How do WE Respond?

Law Enforcement

What is “Evidence Based”?

- Building and presenting a case in which the system can:
 - (1) hold offenders accountable for their behavior;
 - (2) with OR without the victim’s cooperation.
- Evidence based prosecution starts with evidence based investigations.

What does it look like?

- Close collaboration between law enforcement, advocates, and prosecution.
- Interdisciplinary training between law enforcement, advocates, and prosecution.
- Evidence collection
- Collection of evidence
- More evidence collection you get the picture.

Victim Communication

- Safety:
 - Make sure the initial interview is conducted outside the presence of any other parties and that each staff present explains their role.
- Trust:
 - Practice empathy and be honest about what is going to happen.
- Trauma:
 - Follow-up interview if possible – trauma informed investigation.
- Language/Cultural:
 - Avoid using children to translate.
 - Be aware of cultural differences in your area and adapt your response.

Initial Interaction with Law Enforcement

- Victim statement with details
- Lethality assessment aids in making predominant aggressor determination
- Suspect statement
- Pictures of victim and suspect
- Pictures of the crime scene (yes, even if you have a bodycam)
- Collect physical evidence
- Confirm victim contact information and emergency contacts for the victim

LETHALITY/RISK ASSESSMENT

1. Are any weapons present or accessible? If so, what kind?
2. Has suspect threatened or attempted suicide? Any history of mental health issues?
3. Has suspect lost a job or had employment difficulties?
4. Does suspect attempt to control/monitor your daily activities?
5. Any accusation of cheating?
6. Does suspect abuse alcohol or drugs (legal/illegal)?
7. Has suspect destroyed personal items?
8. Has suspect injured, killed, or threatened to harm pets?
9. Has there been a recent separation or threatened separation? (break-up or divorce)
10. Has abuse become more violent or more frequent?

LETHALITY/RISK ASSESSMENT

11. When was the first time the abuse occurred? What was the worst time and when did it occur?
12. Have you ever called law enforcement before due to abuse by this person? (Arrest? Where?)
13. Have you ever had a protective order?
14. Has suspect verbally abused or degraded you?
15. Has suspect threatened to use or used a weapon?
16. Has suspect threatened to kill you or others?
17. Has suspect forced you to have sex?
18. Has suspect ever choked/strangled you? Today?
(Flip to other side for strangulation questions.)

Make note of children in household.

DV Hotline: 770-479-1703 (English), 770-720-7050 (Spanish)

STRANGULATION INVESTIGATION

19. Did the suspect put hands or an object on your neck? If so, describe. One or two hands? Forearm? Object?
20. Did the suspect put hands or object over your nose or mouth? *(On video, ask victim to show where and how strangulation occurred.)*
21. What did the suspect say while strangling you? What did the suspect's face look like while strangling you?
22. Were you shaken while being strangled? Describe.
23. Estimate about how long the suspect strangled you. *(No need for exact time.)*
24. How many times were you strangled? Describe each incident and method.
25. How much pressure/how much pain during strangulation? (Scale 1-10)

STRANGULATION INVESTIGATION

26. Did you black out/lose consciousness? Any lightheadedness? Did you see stars? Any difficulty breathing?
27. Any complaint of hoarse or raspy voice after strangulation? Any throat pain, coughing, or trouble swallowing after strangulation?
28. Did you vomit, urinate, or defecate as a result of being strangled?
29. What caused the suspect to stop?
30. Any prior incidents of strangulation?

Note and photograph marks on neck, eyes, behind ears, or face (petechiae). Photograph incident location.

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Report Writing

- Be as detailed as possible
 - No detail is too small
- Include direct quotes
 - “I thought he was going to kill me.”
- Include identifying information for all witnesses
 - Including minors
- Include emergency contact(s) and/or alternate contact methods
 - Get that email address!
- Specialized crimes sometimes need specialized reports

I then spoke with Jam who confirmed witnessing her Mother being punched. Jam stated she was upset and pushed Ricky in attempts to get him to stop being aggressive. Jan was never assaulted but witnessed the entire incident. Win stated that she went back to her bedroom, and that Ricky went over towards her other Daughter Al's room. I spoke with Al who stated that Ricky came into her bedroom and pushed her onto her bed. Al stated that Ricky then used both hands to choke her. I followed up with the strangulation questionnaire provided to me by the Canton Police Department. Here are the results:

1. Did the suspect put his hands/object on your neck? - Yes.
2. If so, describe method. One or two hands? Forearm? Object? - Two hands.
3. Did the suspect put his hand/object over your nose or mouth? - No.
4. (Get the victim to show you where and how strangulation occurred, preferably on video.). - Bedroom. I was

shown by Al the area of the incident, and it was recorded on my body worn camera.

5. What did the suspect say while he was strangling you? - stated the suspect called her obscenities like "fat bitch" and called her "disrespectful".
6. What did the suspect's face look like while he was strangling you? - Angry.
7. Were you shaken simultaneously while being strangled? Describe. - Yes. Back and forth.
8. How long did the suspect strangle you? - A minute (one). Around 15 seconds
9. How many times were you strangled? Describe each incident and method. - N/A, only this time
10. How much pressure/ How much pain? (On a scale of 1-10) - Pressure 7, Pain 5
11. Did you black out/lose consciousness? Any light headedness? - No.
12. Any difficulty breathing? Any complaint of a hoarse or raspy voice after strangulation? No.
13. Any complaint of pain to throat, coughing, or trouble swallowing after strangulation? No.
14. Did you vomit, urinate, or defecate as a result of being strangled? No.
15. What caused the suspect to stop? - Retaliation from Al and her two juvenile cousins.
16. Any prior incidences of strangulation? - No.
17. Note and photograph any visible marks on neck,eyes,behind ears or face (petechiae). No marks were observed, so this was not photographed. Al refused medical services.

Evidence Collection



- Initial evidence collection is extremely important in domestic violence cases . . . we can't build an evidence-based solution without evidence.
- If you don't have the resources to collect the evidence, call someone who does.
 - Examples: specialized photography; SANE exams; forensic interviews
- If you don't have the training to KNOW what to collect, call someone who does.
- If you don't have the time to collect the evidence, call someone who does.
 - UPD → CID

Prosecution

Strong Cases Begin With Strong Investigations

- Work with law enforcement in your jurisdiction to develop better communication amongst agencies.
- Train and offer caselaw updates to law enforcement.
- Encourage trauma informed response to domestic violence cases.
- Treat the victim like a victim.

A VICTIM THAT TRUSTS YOU AND TRUSTS THE PROCESS IS LESS LIKELY TO RECAN

- Meet with the victim as soon as possible.
- Be open and honest about the victim's role and the prosecution role.
- Safety plan
- Enforce bond conditions

A VICTIM THAT TRUSTS YOU AND TRUSTS THE PROCESS IS LESS LIKELY TO RE-CANT

- Lean on your victim advocate.
- Have a procedure when you begin to see red flags.
- Know resources in your community and be prepared to share those with the victim.
- **DO NOT RE-VICTIMIZE BY BULLYING!**

Trial Process

- Hand serve victim with a subpoena prior to trial.
- Meet with the victim prior to trial (more than once).
- Get a material witness warrant as a **last resort**.
- Importance of expert witness testimony.

The Importance of Ongoing Evidence Collection

- Jail Calls a/k/a “gold mines”
- Follow-up photos and interviews
- Forensic interviews for child victims
- Social media a/k/a “secondary gold mines”
- TPO affidavits
- Report hunting
 - Current victim
 - Past victims

Advocate



Remember: Victim Empowerment

- Victims feel like they are powerless.
- System is often seen as taking even more of their power.

Promise we MUST make: Even if we do not agree with their position, we will always give them a voice.

Safety Planning

- Explain process for coming to court – set up a plan where victim feels safe (especially if abuser is not in jail).
- Identify resources for the victim to contact with questions or when feeling unsafe.
- Suggest spending time with people that provide support.
- Take time to prepare for stressful situations.

- Educate the victim that he might try to gain her sympathy before he tries it.
- Let the victim know that you are not angry with her and let her know this is very difficult for her.
- Let her know that you are not concerned with what he will say about her. You want to only focus on his abuse towards her.
- Let her know about other resources that could assist her.
- Continue to educate the victim about the criminal process. Hearing it once is sometimes not enough.

Teamwork/Advocating

- Victim needs to leave the state for support and safety
- Victim is being threatened, but nothing can be proven – afraid to testify.
- Victim wants to get back together with the abuser.
- Victim doesn't understand why there is not more justice.
- Victim does not feel supported by the criminal system.
- Victim does not understand why there is little communication from prosecution.
- Victim is upset the criminal case is being dismissed or reduced.

Taj Zipperman – Post-Arrest

- Victim is very slow to open up, but bonds with an advocate from the Sheriff's Office.
- Advocate communicates concerns with the DA's Office.
- During a meeting, a lethality assessment is conducted, and the victim discloses a history of violence, including **multiple incidents of strangulation**.
- Victim also provides additional evidence
- Defendant continues to try to contact the victim from the county jail and eventually has his family step in.

Taj Zipperman – Post-Arrest

- There was such a mountain of evidence that Taj Zipperman pled guilty short of trial.

ALWAYS give the victim a voice

15 Q. I know we've talked about what -- what we're asking
16 and I told you I would end by asking you if there's anything
17 that you want the Judge to know because your opinion might be
18 different than mine.

19 A. I think 20 years is a lot. I know he did wrong, but
20 that just seems excessive. I think he needs more counseling
21 than anything. He has a -- that's not the guy that I married.
22 He's so much better than that.

23 Q. You actually told me that you wanted contact with
24 him.

25 A. Yes, I would.

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