



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATION

Case # _____

Deputy _____

Date _____

After being arrested for domestic violence, the person may be released from jail if:

- Charges are not filed by the District Attorney, bail is posted at the jail for or by the person arrested, or a judge authorizes an "Own Recognizance" release (written promise to appear).

GO TO A SAFE PLACE

Temporary shelter is available for battered persons and their children. It is important to get to a safe place as quickly as possible. For referrals or services contact:

Interface Services @ (800) 636-6738, or

The Coalition for Family Harmony @ (805) 983-6014 M-F 8am-5pm or (800) 300-2181 (24/7)

- Shelter for women and children
- Counseling for victims, batterers, and children
- Referral services
- Support groups for women
- Bilingual services for victims

District Attorney's Victim Services Division @ (805) 654-3622, or

California Victim Compensation Program @ (800) 777-9229

- Criminal case support, information, orientation for victims, and State crime victim compensation assistance
- Temporary Restraining Order information and assistance
- Referral services

A victim of domestic violence can ask the District Attorney to file a criminal complaint, and has the right to go to the Superior Court to file a petition requesting any of the following orders for relief:

- Restrain the attacker from abusing the victim or other family members
- Direct the attacker to leave the household
- Prevent the attacker from entering the residence, school, business, or victim's place of employment
- Award the victim, or the other parent, custody or visitation with children
- Restrain the attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in the custody of the victim
- Direct the defendant to pay support of minor children, if legally obligated
- Direct the defendant to make specific payments coming due while the order is in effect
- Direct that either or both parties participate in counseling

A victim has the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings, and other expenses for injuries sustained and damage to property, and any other related expenses incurred by the victim or any agency the shelters the victim. Please contact the District Attorney's Victim Services Division or the California Victim Compensation Program for assistance with the application process.

Attention Victims of Strangulation: Strangulation may cause internal injuries. You are encouraged to seek medical attention immediately regarding this type of incident.

Domestic violence or assault by a person who is known to the victim, including domestic violence or assault by a person who is the spouse of the victim, is a crime.