# When the Law Keep its Promise

# Stop treating domestic/sexual violence as a distraction

# **Justice and Safety**

## "I'm more afraid of you than my him"

victim of a domestic violence hostage situation

# Common characteristics of violence against women crimes

- Course of conduct vs. incident-based
- Multiple concurrent crimes
- Traumatic impact
- Minimization by victim
- Underreported
- Serial nature of perpetrators

# Commonly missed crimes in the context of violence against women

- Stalking
- Intimate partner sexual assault
- Strangulation
- Felony threats
- Weapons violations
- Kidnapping

### **National Witness Protection Center (NWPC)**

### Casey Announces \$750,000 for PA Coalition Against Rape

WASHINGTON, DC— U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) today announced that the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape has been awarded \$750,000 through the U.S. Department of Justice to implement the National Witness Protection Center (NWPC).

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape will implement the National Witness Protection Center (NWPC). NWPC will work to assess and evaluate three diverse population centers and their individual criminal justice responses to witness intimidation; and will initiate an individual pilot project in each jurisdiction to refine existing working responses and close gaps in neglected areas with specialized technical assistance, training, protocol development and evidence based national best practices.



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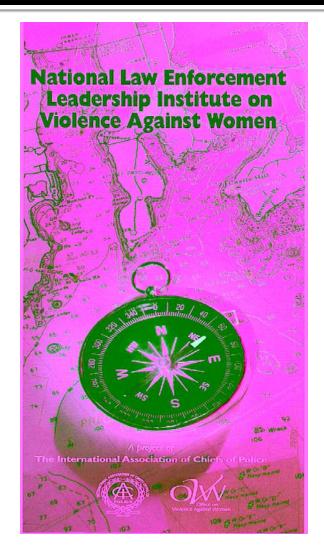
October 26, 2007

"State courts cannot refuse to apply federal law"

# Reasons co-occurring crimes are missed by officers

- Lack of training
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- Language barriers
- Insufficient supervisor oversight
- Personal beliefs and/or biases
- Minimization

# IACP Leadership Institute & National Law Enforcement First-Line Supervisor Training on Violence Against Women



The National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute is part of a three-year IACP initiative to address law enforcement's crucial role in preventing and eliminating crimes of violence against women. The Institutes will engage law enforcement executives in effectively addressing crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

The IACP's National Law Enforcement Supervisor Training on Violence Against Women is an unprecedented opportunity for individuals who hold primary responsibility for overseeing first responders to explore current approaches for responding to and investigating the crimes of violence against women, specifically domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. The training is not only designed to increase understanding of these crimes, but will instill mentoring, training, and leadership skills

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- State of Arkansas
  88th General Assembly
- A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL 308

5 By: Senators S. Flowers, Burnett, L. Chesterfield, Crumbly, J. Dismang, J. Hutchinson, D. Johnson,

# An act to create the offense of provoking a person to violate an order of protection

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To find her (appellant) guilty of complicity would be to criminalize an irrelevancy.

Prosecuting a protected party under a protection order for aiding and abetting the violation of her own protection order is tantamount to issuing and enforcing a mutual protection order against the victim without going through the mandated process for making the protected party subject to the requirements of the protection order.

State v. Lucas 2003

#### **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON: MISDEMEANOR**

According to North Carolina General Statute 1479.1 it s a Class H Felony to steal a bale of pine straw, however, beating, stabbing or shooting your wife or girlfriend will most often be charged as an A1 misdemeanor under NC statute 14-33.



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# Impact of missing co-occurring crimes

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#### **Shooter lured officers with 911 call**

#### **Deadly attack**

Three officers were killed and two wounded Tuesday night in a gunbattle with a man near Pleasanton.

- Man calls police from mobile home. He then crosses street and hides behind barbed-wire fence and bushes.
- Thomas Monse is the first sheriff's deputy on the scene. Monse is shot and killed as he steps out of his car.
- Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stephenson arrives and is immediately shot and killed. Man approaches both officers' bodies and shoots them in the head.

Source: Department of Public Safety

- DPS Trooper Terry Miller arrives and is shot and killed at the entrance of the driveway while still in his car. The car rolls backward and comes to rest at the curb.
- Carl Fisher, a retired INS agent, pulls up to help and is shot and wounded before leaving his car.
- 6 Luis Tudyk, a Pleasanton police officer, arrives and is shot and wounded.
- During a gunbattle with officers, man turns gun on himself.

Driveway

Corgey St.

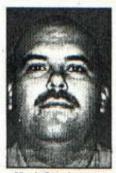
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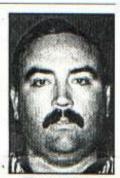
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#### The victims







**Terry Miller** 

**Mark Stephenson** 

**Thomas Monse** 

The three law officers killed in the ambush:

■ Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Terry Wayne Miller, 37, graduated from the DPS Academy in July 1997 and was stationed at the highway patrol office in Freer. He transferred to Pleasanton in September 1998. He was the 74th trooper killed in the line of duty.

Miller was born in Mercedes and graduated from Gregory-Portland High School. He became a police officer in Sinton in 1987 and worked as a San Patricio County sheriff's deputy from 1989 until joining the DPS. Miller is survived by his wife and two daughters, ages 22 months and 13.

Atascosa County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stephenson, 32, graduated from high school in Okinawa, Japan, and served in the military before becoming a police officer in the Bexar County town of Elmendorf.

Stephenson was a deputy for five years. He is survived by a wife and three children.

■ Atascosa County Sheriff's Deputy Thomas Monse, 31, a graduate of Pleasanton High School, worked for the department for two years.

Monse worked as a Bexar County deputy before working in Atascosa. He is survived by a wife and four children.

Atascosa County Sheriff Tommy Williams said Monse and Stephenson were dedicated lawmen. "Day or night, they were ready to go to work, 24 hours, anytime."

Associated Press

# Officers shot in Randolph County standoff

### 29-year-old suspect arrested after 13 hours

From staff, wire reports

MONTROSE — A 29-yearold man who allegedly shot four police officers in Randolph County was arrested Tuesday morning, ending a 13-hour standoff with dozens of police officers.

Scott Ennis was arrested about 8 a.m. by a special State Police team, four hours after they fired tear gas into the two-story residence in Montrose.

During the standoff, Ennis exchanged hundreds of gunshots with police, Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney Earl Maxwell said Tuesday.

"To my absolute amazement, given the fireworks I saw and the damage to the scene, they arrested him basically unhurt," Maxwell said.

He said Ennis suffered a bloody nose and was taken to Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins. Ennis was in stable condition there, a spokeswoman said.

Troopers were assigned to

guard his hospital room. "He's going to be kept overnight," said State Police Capt. Chuck Jackson of the Elkins detachment. "We don't want to do this again."

Police hope to formally charge Ennis in court today, he said.

Three of the officers wounded in the shootout were also in stable condition at the hospital. The fourth was treated at the scene and remained on duty.

Ennis also allegedly wounded a fifth officer early Sunday, while escaping pursuing police officers in neighboring Upshur County. Buckhannon Cpl. Keith Rowan was struck in the face with fragments from bullets and glass. He was treated and released at a Buckhannon hospital.

That shooting caused officers to search for Ennis' vehicle. Police in a helicopter spotted a white pickup truck matching the description of the vehicle involved in Sunday's shooting at the Montrose residence.

That's when the standoff began Monday evening, after about 10 police officers went to the farmhouse to serve search and domestic battery warrants. The search warrant stemmed from Ennis' alleged involvement in Sunday's shooting of Rowan, Jackson said.

"[Ennis] opened up on them," Jackson said. He allegedly shot one officer then, and the others were injured during the ensuing exchange.

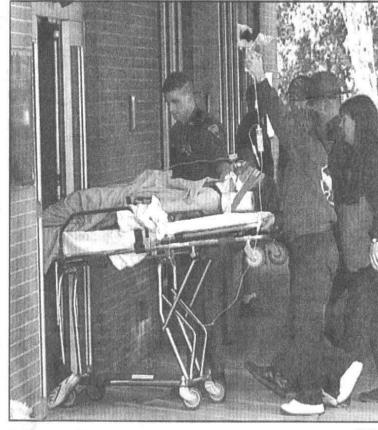
Ennis used a "high-powered rifle," along with several .22-caliber weapons and possibly others, Jackson said.

"He had numerous weapons, it's fair to say," Jackson said.

Randolph County Chief Deputy John Channell was wounded and lying in the line of fire, when a Randolph County deputy and trooper commandeered a fire truck and rescued him.

The two officers used the truck as a shield, parking it between the house and Channell. That allowed them to safely re-

Please see STANDOFF, 4C



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Police and medical personnel wheel Scott Enni into Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins Tuesda morning following his capture after an all-nigh standoff.

#### Two Oklahoma deputies shot and killed

12:09 PM CDT on Monday, July 27, 2009

SEMINOLE, Okla. — A man opened fire on two sheriff's deputies trying to serve a domestic abuse warrant Sunday in Oklahoma, killing both officers and wounding a woman who was passing by, state investigators said.

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# The deputies were trying to serve an arrest warrant issued earlier this year for domestic assault and battery by strangulation

"As far as I know, she was totally unrelated to the case," Brown said.

The sheriff's office declined comment late Sunday, referring questions to the SBI. Brown said it wasn't clear whether Holbert had an attorney or when he would appear in court.

Holbert's mother called the sheriff's office around 3 p.m. after finding her son in her house in Seminole. She said he wasn't welcome.

When deputies knocked on the door, Holbert started shooting, Brown said. The deputies were trying to serve an arrest warrant issued earlier this year for domestic assault and battery by strangulation, though it wasn't immediately clear Sunday who Holbert was accused of assaulting.

Several law enforcement agencies responded to the shootings, evacuated the area and asked local businesses to shut down as they searched for the shooting suspect.

By about 7 p.m., the Oklahoma Highway Patrol used a robot with an audio speaker to approach the house.

"Through a PA system on that robot, tactical units announced their presence and required the suspect to come out and surrender," patrol Lt. George Brown told The Oklahoman newspaper. "The suspect did come out of the front of the residence and did surrender without further incident."

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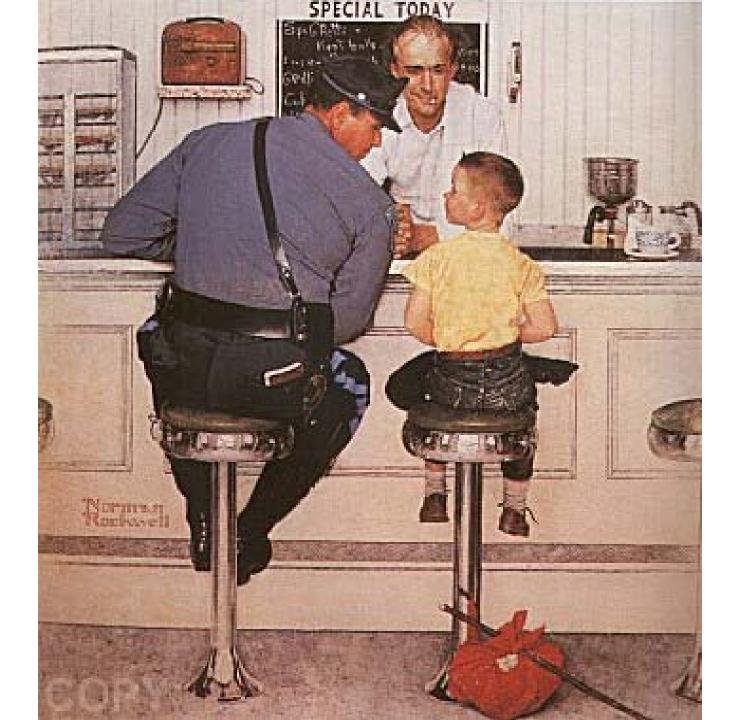
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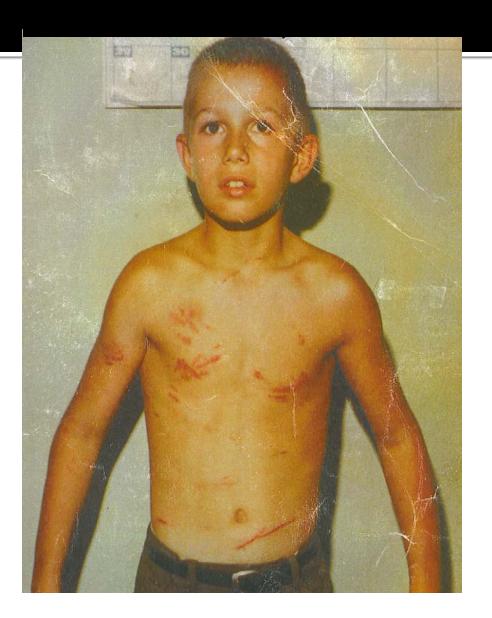
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# Child Exposure to Violence

Of petitioners with children under 18 years old, the children witnessed violence an average of 32 days in the 6 months before the protective order was issued and 1 day in the 6 months after the protective order was issued.







#### Ronald Wayne Frye October 9, 1968

- He was the child of poor, alcoholic parents
- His mother gave him away to complete strangers.
- He was separated from his siblings.
- His new caretakers whipped him for years.
  - Executed by the State of North Carolina
     August 31, 2001 for murdering his landlord



# Officers Should Accept

- Love is complicated
- Abusers are not always violent
- Victim advocates are focused on victim needs
- Prosecutors will not issue charges for every arrest
- Arrest is a deterrent
- Offenders will manipulate you

# Parents killed during custody exchange

MIRACLE, Ky. (AP) — Two days after receiving full custody of her 7-year-old daughter and moments before Donna Sue Newcomer would have held the daughter in her arms, the child's father fatally shot her and was then killed by police.

Newcomer, 28, of Warsaw, Ind., and her husband. Edward Ernest Newcomer, were waiting to pick up the child Wednesday at the Creekside Market on Kentucky 987 near the Bell County community of Cubbage with two sheriff's officers, police said.

Newcomer had received court papers Monday granting her full custody of the child, according to a Kosciusko County, Ind., circuit court order.

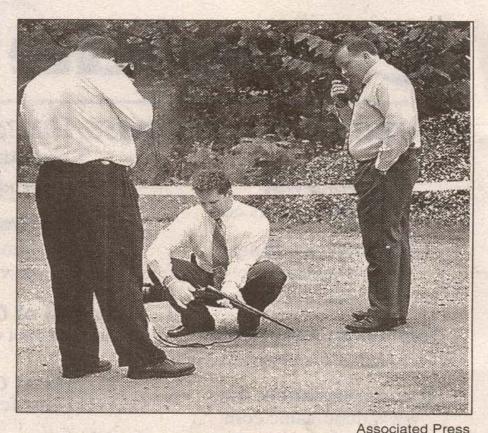
The girl's father, Larry Johnson, 33, of Cubbage, arrived at the store about 10:30 a.m. CDT with the child. Cubbage is about 30 miles east of Middlesboro near the Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee state lines.

A Kentucky State Police spokesman, Buddy Simpson, said Johnson fired a shot at Newcomer as she was approaching his pickup truck. After a warning from Bell County deputies not to shoot any more, Johnson fired another shot. The second shot, apparently fired by Johnson, struck and killed Newcomer, Simpson said. Deputies then returned fire, fatally wounding Johnson, Simpson said.

Newcomer and Johnson were pronounced dead

at the scene, police said.

"They've had a lot of problems since their divorce," said Edward Earl Newcomer, the grandfa-



From left, Bell County Coroner Bill Bisceglia, Kentucky State Police Detective Mitchell Williams and Sergeant Eric Smith examine a shotgun Larry Johnson allegedly used to kill Donna Sue Newcomer during a custody exchange between the parents of a seven-year-old child in Cubbage, Ky., Thursday.

ther of Edward Ernest Newcomer. "Donna was afraid something like this was going to happen, that's why she called for protection."

PERRYTHORSVIK: SUNSTAFF

**Aftermath:** Luis Romero, 28, fatally shot his wife, Rhonda, 27, on the steps of the War Memorial, then turned the gun on himself in front of dozens of people.

# Man ambushes wife as she walks to hearing on abuse

She sought court help after his death threat

By Peter Hermann and Eric Siegel sunstaff

Luis Romero threatened to kill his wife a week ago after she moved out of their Northeast Baltimore apartment, vowing she would not live another day.

Alarmed, Rhonda Romero turned to the courts for help. Yesterday morning, 15 minutes before she was to have seen a judge, she was dead—shot in the head, po-

lice said, by her husband, one block from the courthouse on the steps of the War Memorial Building.

He then put the gun to his head and took his own life.

The gunfire occurred about 9:15 a.m. as hundreds of people were on their way to work or to do business in nearby government offices. Dozens witnessed the double shooting on North Gay Street across the plaza from City Hall.

One man watched the shooting from his second-floor office as he chatted with a friend on the telephone; another witness was heading [See Shoot, 6A]

### **Assessing Lethality and Risk**

- Separation
- Divorce
- Protective Orders
- Custody
- Visitation



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY SCREEN FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



Officer:	Date:	Case	Case #:						
Victim:	Offender:								
☐ Check here if victim did not answer of	any of the questions.								
▶ A "Yes" response to any of Questions #1-3 automatically triggers the protocol referral.									
	st you or threatened you with a weapon'		□No	□ Not Ans.					
<ol><li>Has he/she threatened to kill you or you</li></ol>	Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?			□ Not Ans.					
<ol><li>Do you think he/she might try to kill y</li></ol>	you?	□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.					
Negative responses to Questions #1-3 trigger the protocol referral.	, but positive responses to at least fou	of Quest	tions #4-	·11,					
<ol> <li>Does he/she have a gun or can he/she</li> </ol>	get one easily?	□Yes	□No	☐ Not Ans.					
<ol><li>Has he/she ever tried to choke you?</li></ol>		□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.					
6. Is he/she violently or constantly jealor of your daily activities?	us or does he/she control most	□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.					
<ol><li>Have you left him/her or separated af</li></ol>	ter living together or being married?	□Yes	□No	☐ Not Ans.					
8. Is he/she unemployed?		□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.					
<ol><li>Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/h</li></ol>	erself?	□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.					
<ol><li>Do you have a child that he/she know.</li></ol>	s is not his/hers?	□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.					
<ol> <li>Does he/she follow or spy on you or k</li> </ol>	eave threatening messages?	□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.					
	henever the officer believes the victim	is in a po	-						
Is there anything else that worries you abo	ut your safety? (If "yes") What worrk	s you?							
Check one:   Victim screened in according to the protocol									

### Police search for man after wife gunned down Shooter burst into domestic abuse shelter

#### "When I attempted to leave he choked me twice"

SYLVA – investigators on Tuesday cast a net from Pennsylvania to Tennessee for the Jackson County man who they say burst into a domestic violence shelter carrying a

shotgun and kil enforcement on estranged wife Chief Jeff Jami Police consider believe he fled stolen from the home.

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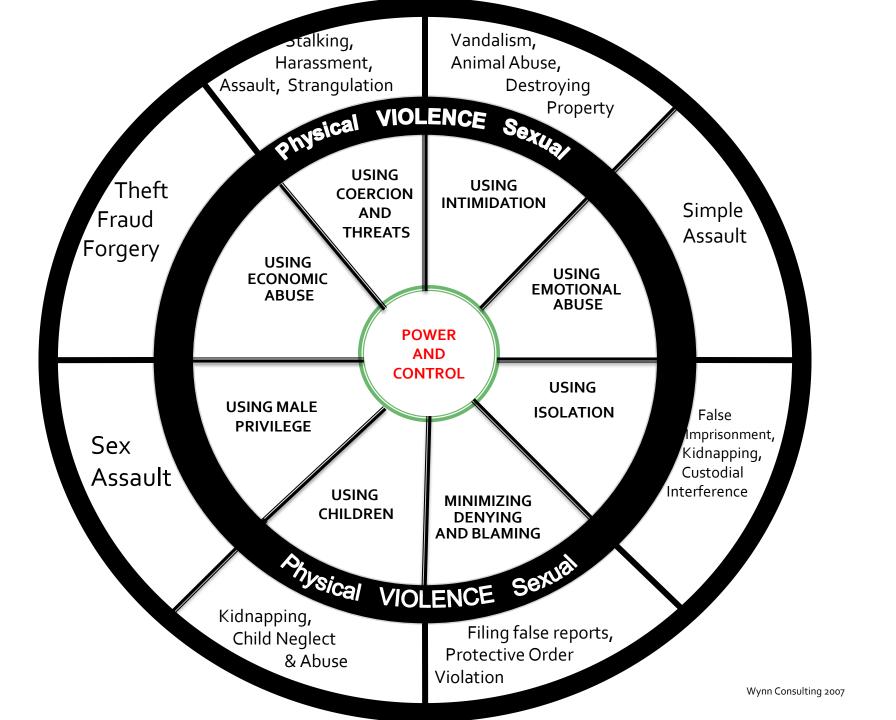
John "Woody" This distress caused me to loose my position at work and had to transfer to another department. He also threatens to kill me if I ever left him."

"Somebody's got to see mm somewnere, sometime, REACH of Jackson County Executive Director Jean Bockstahler said hopefully.

Impressing Bockstahler and other caretakers with her determination not to live in fear, Bonnie Woodring, 48, came to REACH's shelter in Sylva seeking sanctuary for herself and her 13-year-old son from a previous marriage. She found a helping hand, but not one that could shield her from her husband's wrath, police said.

Authorities said her son is safe with family. He was not in the shelter's kitchen when his mother was gunned down there. a





# Officer surrenders, charged after standoff

2 officers exchanged

Sergeant removed fire in domestic dispute from duty hours earlier **Elementary school** nearby locked down



#### KEY FIGURES



Mark Nelson ▶ Nelson has been a Metro police

officer for 13 years. The 35-year-old sergeant had never been disciplined by the Police Department before yesterday.



Melissa Vangyija ▶ Vangyija has been on

the force since 1999. The 24-year old officer had dated Nelson but not recently, police say.



Coleman Womack ▶ Womack has been an

1995. The 29-year-old has been dating Vangyija. The standoff occurred at his Priest Lake home.

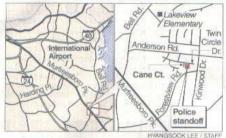
#### LARRY MCCORMACK / STAFF

Metro police Sgt. Mark Nelson holds a gun as he walks around the scene of his standoff with police on Cane Court.

#### By LEON ALLIGOOD

Metro police Sgt. Mark Nelson, distraught over a failed romance with a fellow officer and being taken off active police duty because mental health counselors worried he was suicidal, held the Metro SWAT team at bay yesterday afternoon for four hours, police said.

The officer surrendered peacefully about 6:50 p.m., but only after an afternoon of violent outbursts when he



fired a personal pistol and a of Nelson, also were cred-tators with one of our own," police shotgun numerous ited with helping ease the said Capt. Richard Brigtimes, including taking aim tension. A few minutes after gance, SWAT commander.

enport, and accused of experience to come out shooting at officer Coleman R. Womack.

Bond was set at \$15,000, and his lawyer, Worrick Robinson, said arrangements were being made to post his bond, Robinson said arrangements also were being made to admit Nelson to a health facility on an inpatient basis for at least 72 hours of treatment. He did not say what facility.

Robinson also told night court Commissioner Houston Hagar that Nelson was waiving his right to appear before the magistrate. Hagar

#### ON THE STANDOFF

"It wasn't a pleasant here with a SWAT team and the negotiators with one of our own. We're just glad everything turned out

> - Capt. Richard Briggance, SWAT commander

"I saw the man. He was like crazy, shooting into a police car like crazy. He looked mad."

Fernando Luma.

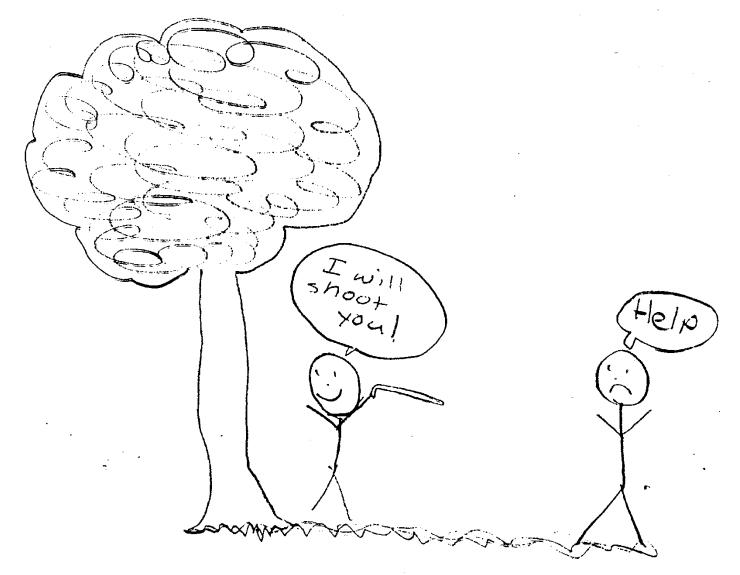
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### Children's Safety Checklist

- Stay out of the fight
- Avoid getting trapped in a small room or closet or the kitchen
- Find a phone in a safe place
  - Call 911 for help and stay on the phone
- Escape to a safe place
  - find a relative or neighbor and ask for their help
- Above all, remember to tell them "it is not your fault"



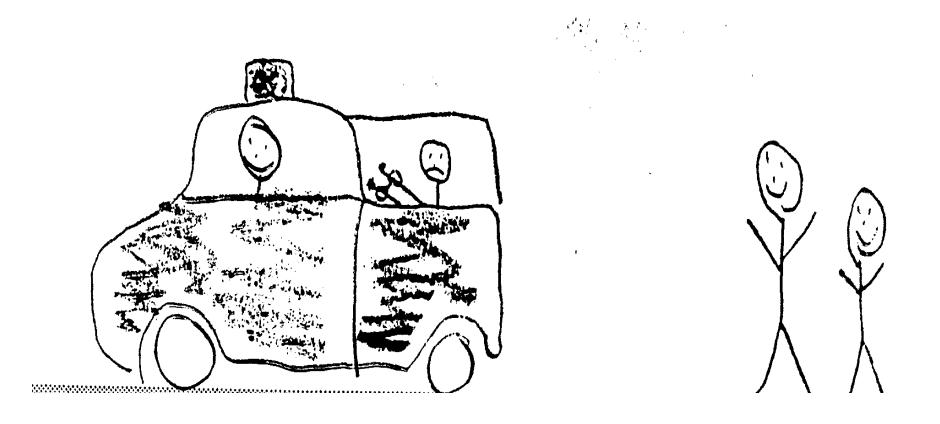
Draw a picture of the people in your family when they are fighting



Draw a picture of the worst fight in your family that you can remember



Draw a picture of you, showing what you did during the fight

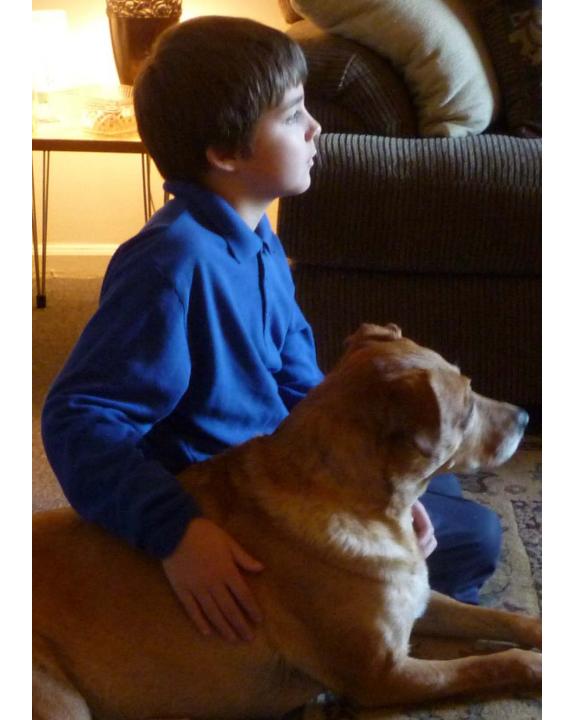


Write or draw a picture about how you would have liked the fight to end











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