

A CONVERSATION on DV Court Collaboration

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Prior to 1987

BLAME GAME

I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame you.

The Hatfields & McCoys



It's Good to Learn from Your Own Mistakes, but...




It is Even Better To Learn from Someone Else's



System Gap: The Turning Point Case

TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO ONE HAS GONE BEFORE



Our Mission,
Should You Choose to Accept It...



- Misdemeanor Courts,
- Probation,
- Police,
- Prosecutors,
- Defense Counsel,
- SAFE House,
- BIPs
- County Administration
- City of Ann Arbor
- and other
- members of the community collaborate to:

- ✦ **Maximize the safety of victims and their families;**
- ✦ **End community tolerance of domestic violence;**
- ✦ **Hold offenders accountable for their violence and abuse;**
- ✦ **Ensure fair and equitable treatment in the criminal justice system for persons affected by domestic violence.**

Washtenaw County JODI Mission Statement


District Judges Agreed:

- Proper handling of misdemeanor DV is **HOMICIDE PREVENTION;**
- **VICTIM SAFETY** is top priority (trumps offender accountability);
- Created SPECIALIZED DV DOCKETS;
 - coordinated schedules to maximize resources of Prosecutor, Public Defender, SAFE House, Probation and others;

District Judges Agreed:

- SAFE House advocates staff courtrooms
- Up to date BIP information available
- Court has more time to listen
- Batterers see they are/will be held accountable
- DV cases given priority in scheduling



District Judges Agreed:

- Attorney appointed at arraignment
- Default position: "No contact"
- Judge at pretrial keeps case
- Frequent court reviews enhance accountability
- Victim input sought at every stage
- Upon conviction, long-term BIP ordered
- Immediate enrollment in BIP expected
- BIP must meet state standards.
- Immediate, graduated sanctions for non-compliance

DV Bond Information for Arraignment

LAW ENFORCEMENT BOND INFORMATION FORM

Police Agency: _____ Report No.: _____ O'Case Title: _____

Domestic Violence: No Yes

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

Defendant:

Height	Weight	Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Eye Color	Hair Color	Other Identifying Information

Defendant requires medical attention? No Yes

INJURIES / PREVIOUS BY COMPLAINTS

Has there been any injury? No Yes

Are there weapons in the home? No Yes

Has Defendant previously responded to domestic violence complaints involving the defendant? No Yes

DEFENDANT CRIMINAL HISTORY

Does defendant have a prior record? No Yes

Does defendant have a pending case? No Yes

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Is there a conditional bond? No Yes

Is there a personal protection order? No Yes

If yes, provide details: _____

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

No restriction on travel

No restriction on travel and carry a firearm

No restriction on travel, carry a firearm, and possession of any firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons

No contact with Defendant

No contact with family members

Other: _____

PROSECUTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Bail only

Bail only with 100% cash

No bail

Other: _____

Date: _____

Conditions of Release

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Domestic Violence

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ORDER OF CONDITIONAL RELEASE

CASE NO. _____ Agency Name & No. _____

Court Address: _____ Phase: _____

PROSECUTOR: _____ DEFENDANT: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP OF VESLANTI VS. _____

CHG. # _____

Case Type: _____

Defendant Type: Only at Home 24/7 Home Restriction

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- Remain continuously available at 411 Westland Ave., Ann Arbor, for service of court-ordered no-contact orders.
- Do not contact the victim or anyone in the victim's household.
- Do not possess any firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons.
- Do not use alcohol or drugs.
- Do not use any weapons.
- Do not contact, harass, threaten, intimidate, stalk, or otherwise communicate with the victim.
- Do not contact, harass, threaten, intimidate, stalk, or otherwise communicate with the victim's family members.
- Do not contact, harass, threaten, intimidate, stalk, or otherwise communicate with the victim's employer.
- Do not contact, harass, threaten, intimidate, stalk, or otherwise communicate with the victim's friends or acquaintances.
- Do not contact, harass, threaten, intimidate, stalk, or otherwise communicate with the victim's neighbors.
- Do not contact, harass, threaten, intimidate, stalk, or otherwise communicate with the victim's pets.
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I, the undersigned, declare that I am a Magistrate Judge in the State of Michigan and that I am authorized to issue this Order of Conditional Release.

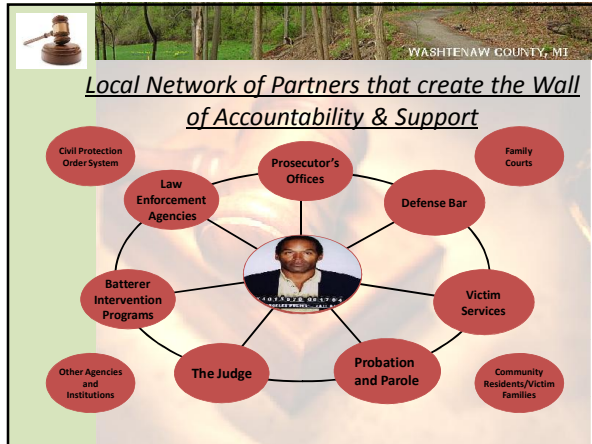
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Think, Listen & Learn

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI



The Law of Demand and Supply

- What can you do if there is not a BIP in your community?

