

ATTACHMENT "SS-2"

This is the attachment marked "**SS-2**" referred to in the witness statement of Steven Schultze dated 22 July 2015.



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DATE
FV SERVICE

Subject: CLIENT

BACKGROUND

My full name is Steven Charles SCHULTZE. I am Executive Director (Operations) of Protective Services Pty Ltd (PS). Protective Services is a Private Security and Investigation Company specialising in Community Safety and Family Violence. During the past 14 months I have operated within the Family Violence Sector alongside Family Violence Services and other State and Federal Government Departments. These duties have involved dealing directly with these Services and their High Risk Clients in areas such as Risk, Safety and Lethality Assessments and implementation of recommendations as a result. I have also consulted to Government and Senior Police in relation to various aspects of Family Violence, Safe in the Home Strategies and specific case management.

In March 2014 I attended and completed Advanced Domestic Violence Training conducted by the International Family Justice Alliance in the USA. This training includes attainment of competency in the following:-

- Intimate Partner Homicide
- Lethality and Perpetrator Assessing
- Advanced Strangulation Investigation
- Child and Adult Sexual Abuse
- Human Trafficking
- Elder Abuse
- Cultural impact and Diversity relating to Family Violence
- Victimology and Victim Impact relating to Family Violence
- Stalking

I am a former Senior Detective of Victoria Police Force serving in the Homicide Squad, Armed Robbery Squad and Bureau of Criminal Intelligence (BCI). During my service I completed:-

- Detective Training School
- BCI Covert Surveillance Course
- FBI Advanced Covert Surveillance Training
- Criminal Linguistics Training



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide an independent report and recommendations in relation to the assessment of Risk, Safety and Lethality of family violence victims **CLIENT** and her **(CLIENTS CHILD)** year old son, **(CLIENTS CHILD)**.

ASSESSMENT

On **DATE** I met with **(Program Manager)** and **(Case Manager)** of **(FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE)** for the purpose of a case management meeting and to provide assistance in relation to safety planning for **CLIENT** and her son. With the permission of **CLIENT** I was provided with confidential documentation relating to her and her son's history as victims of family violence. I have read and reviewed all documentation provided. I also had an extensive conversation with both **Program Manager** and **Case Manager** relating to this matter.

At about **TIME** I met personally with **CLIENT** and her **(CLIENTS CHILD)**. With the assistance of an Interpreter I had a lengthy conversation with **CLIENT** relating to her lengthy history of being subjected to family violence perpetrated by her husband.

I was also in the position to observe **(CLIENTS CHILD)** in the company of his mother. Furthermore I had the opportunity to interact with **(CLIENTS CHILD)** in the presence of **(Program Manager)** and **(Case Manager)**. **CLIENT** presented as a highly intelligent and educated woman who is clearly terrified and isolated as a result of the abuse perpetrated against her by her husband. It is clear to me that due to fear, intimidation, control and isolation the reasons why **CLIENT** has previously been unable to report this abuse.

The physical assault, assault with a knife, threats to kill and rape committed by **CLIENT's** husband in the presence of their son on **DATE** resulted in **CLIENT** seeking assistance and refuge.

RISK AND LETHALITY

In relation to the Risk Assessment and Perpetrator Lethality Assessment I make the following comments:-

1. **CLIENT** has been in the relationship with her husband for approximately four years. **CLIENT** stated that the physical and emotional abuse commenced early in their relationship and this has been escalating in severity since she was pregnant with their son and in particular since she moved to Australia approximately 12 months ago to join her husband.
2. **CLIENT** came to Australia about 12 months ago on a **VISA** sponsored by her husband. Since arriving in Australia it is apparent **CLIENT's** husband subjected her to constant abuse which has escalated in frequency and severity since arriving and this abuse includes:-
 - Control and Financial abuse. **CLIENT** states she has had no access to money with her husband having total control of their money. He would do all the shopping, pay bills etc. It is apparent he would leave **CLIENT** home with their child for days and sometimes a week at a time with no money and no way of buying food.
 - Constant intimidation and threats made against **CLIENT** by her husband.
 - Isolation. It is also apparent that **CLIENT's** husband is an extremely jealous man. **CLIENT** stated he would check her phone constantly and accuse her of having affairs. This has resulted in **CLIENT** being denied access to any people she became friends with and totally isolated from any social contact.
3. The following behaviours exhibited by the Perpetrator contributes significantly to the personal safety of **CLIENT** and her son:-



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- **CLIENT's** husbands previous use of a weapon (knife) to assault and threaten both **CLIENT** and her son.
 - Physical assaults committed by **CLIENT's** husband on her.
 - Previous strangulation attempts by **CLIENT's** husband.
 - **CLIENT** being subjected to rape and sexual assault by her husband.
 - Stalking behaviour by **CLIENT's** husband.
 - Control, Financial and Emotional abuse exhibited by the Perpetrator.
 - Apparent alcohol abuse by **CLIENT's** husband.
4. Culturally it is my opinion that the following cultural challenges place **CLIENT** and her son at a very high personal risk:-
- **CLIENT** stated that when she spoke to her own mother and told her about the abuse she is experiencing that her mother told her to remain with him and tolerate it. **CLIENT's** mother remains in **COUNTRY** and told **CLIENT** she could not return to **COUNTRY**.
 - It is apparent that male privilege remains prevalent within some aspects of the **NATIONALITY** Community. **CLIENT** herself stated that her husband is the boss because he is the man. This aspect is compounded by the fact that **CLIENT's** husband would demand and force sex on her. In summary it appears he would rape **CLIENT** at will.
 - That because **CLIENT** has sought assistance from outside the **NATIONALITY** Community, reported the abuse and has left her husband that she is at elevated risk from within this community due to the perceived shame she has bought upon her husband and their culture. This, in my opinion, will apply both here in Australia and even more so should **CLIENT** be made to return to **COUNTRY**.

CONCLUSION

It is my opinion that **CLIENT** and her son are at a high risk of being Seriously Injured or Killed in the current circumstances. It is my opinion that no access be given to **CLIENT's** husband to either **CLIENT** or their son. This, I believe, must include no access or contact by a third person.

I respectfully submit that the safety plan currently in place around **CLIENT** and her son remain and be revisited as this process continues.

Furthermore it is my opinion that should **CLIENT** and her son be forced to return to **COUNTRY** that the risk of being killed or seriously injured will be further exacerbated especially taking into account she is in danger from not only her husband's family but also that of her own.

I am prepared to give sworn evidence in relation to any hearings or court proceedings should I so be required in relation to this matter.

(S. SCHULTZE)
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