

## Domestic Violence Complaint and Recommendation

Miss [REDACTED]

I have been a victim of domestic violence and have called '000' several times.

The first time was when one of the boys who was renting a room off of us was severely under the delusion that he was my boyfriend and would get into a crazy mental swing and start attacking me. He had a history of child hood sex abuse.

After many warnings, I threw him out and had an intervention order taken out against him. That did not stop him from re entering my house when I was away at [REDACTED] and living there. On my return, apologising to me and promising to never touch me or go off at me ever again. Then he did it again.

The police were called, the person removed and the intervention order extended.

I then got married to my best friend of [REDACTED] yrs in [REDACTED]. Things were alright except for a couple of instances when he was irrational in [REDACTED], while he was still a friend and I had asked him to leave. We then got married [REDACTED] yrs later.

About [REDACTED] before my arrest in [REDACTED] he began acting irrational again and started exercising his violent behaviour towards me. I then asked him to separate from me until he would mend his ways and keep a job down. I had suspected him of doing chemical drugs which gave him the mood swings and made him misappropriate our finances and extort money from me with threats of false complaints and harm. I was beaten up many times.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] All the while, I was unaware of the happenings behind my back as he hid this from me.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
If only he had told me the truth, I would not be in prison for a crime I have not committed.

I do however like to make a set of suggestions which, in my opinion, could make a difference to this social disease – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## Recommendations

- 1) Instead of or in lieu with an intervention order or even a police complaint with proof, the offender be ordered an 'Offensive Behaviour Program' before the offender does more damage in due course, landing them in prison and then being ordered one.
- 2) A complete mental health evaluation to be undergone and help provided, if needed.
- 3) A drug and or alcohol, gambling rehabilitation program imposed in the immediate circumstance before the problem takes a complete turn into a criminal offence. Instead of spending more time and money policing, adjudicating, incarcerating and then rehabilitating.
- 4) In some cases, extreme debt and other financial and social problems may need to be addressed and assistance provided.
- 5) Relationship, family and marriage counselling to complete the rehabilitation process to successfully reintegrate the potential offender back into the relationship and restoring the society around, back into normalcy.

I totally feel that this may save many lives and livelihoods and more importantly the offenders from making regretful mistake/s scarring themselves for life and society around them. The situation can only be worse if innocent children, the elderly and other innocent and unsuspecting people are involved.