

STATE v. ROBERT MEANS

Figure 5

I, Officer Anderson, arrived with my partner, Officer Samuels, at the home of Bette Connors, 876 Canyon Road, in response to a 911 call placed by Lucy Means, who lives next door at 878 Canyon Road. I interviewed Lucy Means while Officer Samuels went next door to talk to Robert Means.

Lucy Means stated the following:

Her husband, Robert Means, is a member of the Army National Guard and recently returned from a domestic deployment to fight wildfires. While he was away, Lucy had an affair with her female spinning instructor. Tonight, Lucy became intoxicated and told her husband about the affair. He became very angry and called her derogatory names. Before she knew what was happening, Robert had her pinned against the wall with his hand around her neck. Lucy's head hit the wall when he grabbed her. She said Robert was choking her. Lucy ran to her neighbor's house and called 911.

Robert Means stated the following:

He was shocked to learn upon returning from his deployment that his wife had been having an affair, "especially with a woman." He said he confronted Lucy about the affair but said she ended it and wanted to start couple's therapy. Robert said his wife had been drinking. She did not deny that the affair had happened. Robert said he reacted instinctively and grabbed Lucy. He said he had not intended to do her any harm. Robert stated that he loves Lucy very much and was really upset about her infidelity. He said that after he grabbed her, they talked for a while and made love, reconciling their relationship.

Bette Connors, the neighbor, stated the following:

She was in the upstairs bedroom when Lucy came to her home and she did not hear or see anything prior to Lucy's arrival. She stated that Lucy sounded hoarse.

Officer Observations:

Lucy complained of head pain and there was a lump on the back of her head. While checking her injuries, I could detect a strong odor of alcohol.

Officer Actions:

Upon information obtained by Officer Anderson, Robert Means was arrested for Domestic Assault.



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