



PHONE CALL RECEIVED BY ON-CALL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROSECUTOR

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While serving as the on-call prosecutor for the Domestic Violence Unit, you receive the following call from Officer Young at approximately 11 PM:

I'm calling because I'm here at a DV scene with my partner, Officer Stanton and we're not sure if we should make an arrest. And if we do need to arrest, we need to figure out who we should arrest and what charges we should list on the arrest form.

After giving the usual caveats about the limits of your role, you ask Officer Young to share what they know at this point and they tell you the following:

We arrived on the scene in response to a 911 call from a next-door neighbor. The neighbors apparently called because there was a lot of screaming coming from the house. When we arrived, there were two children outside – one was around 12 years old and the other was maybe around 6–7 years old. An adult male and adult female were on the porch. The male asked if he could explain inside, and he opened the door and let us in the house. We turned off our bodycams. He's been really calm and cooperative. The guy's wife stayed outside with the children. When we talked to her later, she was angry and talking very loudly. It looks like she's been crying. She has a fresh bruise over her eye from when she fell into the coffee table during her fight. She's also slurring her words and clearly intoxicated – she'd be arrested for DUI if she was pulled over.

The guy, Anthony, told us that his wife, Eva picked a fight with him while drunk. He showed us a red mark and a scratch on his face. He said his Eva hit him when he tried to take away her car keys because he didn't want her to drive while drunk.

When we talked to Eva, she admitted that she slapped Anthony. She said it was because Anthony started interrogating her about something she'd bought on their credit card. She said he does this all the time. She was clearly pretty angry. She said she wasn't planning to drive anywhere; she just wanted to walk down the street to her friend's house. She said Anthony blocked her from leaving and wouldn't let her go. She showed us where he grabbed her shirt and we can see a light red mark on her neck.



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