

BEFORE THE DAY OF COURT:

- If you have photographs or messages from Respondent that show acts of violence or threats of violence that you would like to use as evidence at your hearing, print three copies and bring them to your hearing. If you are unable to print them, email them to ajohnsonstopdv@gmail.com no later than seven days prior to your hearing. They will be printed and put in your file for your use at the hearing.
- If you will be representing yourself at the hearing and have audio or video recordings from Respondent that show acts of violence or threats of violence that you would like to use as evidence, save the recordings on a flash drive and bring it with you to court.
- If you are represented by the STOPDV attorney and have audio or video recordings from Respondent that show acts of violence or threats of violence that you would like to use as evidence, email them to ajohnsonstopdv@gmail.com no later than seven days prior to your hearing. They will be transcribed and put into your file for use at the hearing.
- If you have witnesses who have seen acts of violence or heard Respondent make threats of violence, and you would like them to testify on your behalf, ask them to come to the court hearing to testify.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- If there are no attorneys involved in yours and the respondent's case, the respondent is allowed to ask questions about your testimony.
- The cases on the docket are not called in any particular order, so it is important that personal arrangements are made to ensure that you and all witnesses involved will be present at the time of your hearing.

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Preparing for Your Court Day

BEFORE YOUR HEARING:

- Dress modestly and appropriately for your hearing. Wearing clothing that depicts drugs, profanity, offensive content, or clothing that reveals too much skin is discouraged.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your hearing.
- Remember that the Judge is always aware of the courtroom environment. Please be mindful of your volume, language, and gestures when inside the courtroom.
- If the Respondent approaches you or tries to speak with you, directly OR through a third party, please advise the bailiff or someone from the STOPDV staff.
- It is important to listen for your name to be called by the Judge or the bailiff. When your name is called, you may approach the front of the courtroom. Your case may proceed without you if your name is called and there is no response.

DURING YOUR HEARING:

- It is important to always remain respectful to all parties, attorneys and court staff.
- Please do not talk over others- especially the Judge.
- Making inappropriate noises or facial expressions, chewing gum, smacking, or laughing during your time in the courtroom is discouraged.

AFTER YOUR HEARING:

- It's important to stay seated until you receive a copy of your Order from the bailiff.
- If you feel unsafe, you may request from the Judge that a bailiff escort you to your vehicle.
- Leave the courtroom promptly and prior to the departure of Respondent to ensure your safety.

