

DV Problem Statement – Part I

Session Materials

PART I

Late Saturday night, you are on patrol as unit D-4. At 2336 hours, you and D-5 are dispatched to a report of a family disturbance in progress at the Hillside Condominiums, 1427 Sunnydale Drive APT #204. The 9-1-1 call was received from a neighbor, downstairs in the building, reporting that she heard glass breaking and a man and woman arguing loudly. She also stated that this was not the first time that this had happened. The reporting party wishes to remain anonymous.

You and D-4 arrive at the apartment building. All seems quiet upon arrival, so you knock on the door. A sobbing woman answers; she has redness on her right cheek. She is obviously upset, but tells you everything is “all right,” and that you cannot come into the house. It’s obvious that she is attempting to hide the left side of her face behind the door. She tells you her name is Wendy, and she says her husband, Ralph, is gone now. She says that they had a loud disagreement that has been resolved. She asks you to leave so she can go to bed and get some sleep.

You and your partner tell Wendy that you must enter the apartment to verify that she is safe. Wendy complies as you insist, and she lets you in. You can see the apartment is in disarray. Furniture seems to be knocked out of place. It looks as if there was a physical fight or struggle. The glass coffee table in the center of the living room has been shattered.

You and your partner perform a sweep of the apartment to determine if anyone else is present. D-4 finds an adult male sitting quietly in a back bedroom. He is cooperative once found, and reveals that he is Ralph Peterson, Wendy’s husband. D-5 performs a frisk for weapons on Ralph and finds none. No one else is located in the apartment.

You and your partner separate Wendy and Ralph to question them more about the incident. You perform name checks on both and find they have valid driver’s licenses, no warrants, and no court orders.

