

## DV Problem Statement – Part II

Session Materials

### PART II – Wendy’s Side

Wendy Amanda Peterson

DOB: 04-20-1977

W/F 5-07, 130 pounds

Green eyes, brown hair

Wendy tells you that they were arguing about money. Ralph keeps tight control over the joint checking account and does not allow her access to it. Wendy asked for some money to buy new clothes, and Ralph flew into a rage. He called her a “whore” and a “stupid, worthless bitch.” He refused to give her money for clothes, saying that she did not deserve anything nice. When Wendy continued to argue about it, Ralph started kicking the furniture around. He got up close to her and was screaming in her face. Wendy did not back up, so Ralph pushed her backwards. Wendy fell back onto the coffee table, breaking it. The glass shattered, but Wendy did not get cut. When she tried to get up, Ralph punched her in the face twice. Then Ralph stood over her and wrapped his hands around her neck. He held her down and squeezed just hard enough for Wendy to have trouble breathing. She did not pass out. Ralph held the grip on her neck for about 20 seconds. He told her, “Next time you act this way to me, I will shoot your worthless ass!” Then he let go and stormed into the back bedroom.

You ask Wendy about her injuries. She says that her face hurts where Ralph punched her. You can see red marks on both the left and right side of her face. Her left cheek is swelling up and starting to force her left eye shut. The marks look consistent with being punched in the face. She also tells you that her throat is “a little sore.” You can see that there is redness all around her neck, front and back. You ask her about her voice and if it’s changed or sounds different. She says that it is just “a bit raspy” from the struggle.



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### PART II – Ralph’s Side

Ralph Thomas Peterson

DOB: 10-03-1975

W/M 6-00, 195 pounds

Brown eyes, brown hair

Ralph tells you that he did have a heated argument about finances. He says that Wendy was “pestering” him and would not let up. She was demanding more money that they did not have. She was following him around the apartment calling him names. Ralph says that he finally couldn’t take any more and went to push past her in the living room, and that’s when she accidentally fell down into the coffee table. Ralph admits to “throwing a bit of a fit” and knocking the furniture around. Ralph tells you that he did not strike her. Ralph says that she was crying and rubbing her face a lot, and that’s why she has redness on her face. Ralph says that he did not make any threats; he was only trying to get away from her.



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### PART II – Guns in the Home

Wendy tells you that Ralph has two pistols in the bedroom closet of the apartment. She says that he has made threats to shoot her for disobeying in the past. She tells you that she thinks he is capable of “doing something crazy with his guns.”

You go to the closet and find both pistols where she said they were. You secure them for the time being on your person. One is a .38-cal. Smith & Wesson Model 10 revolver, with a black frame and black handle. The other is a .45-cal. Colt 1911, with a black frame and wooden handle.

