

## **Hypo #1**

Jose and Gloria live in a 12-unit apartment building with their three children. One evening Gloria runs out of diapers for their two-year-old and asks Jose if she can use the car to go to the store. Jose refuses to let her use the car, and he accuses Gloria of lying so she can secretly go meet her boyfriend. Gloria denies this and insists that the baby needs diapers. A verbal argument ensues; as the volume increases their 12-year-old comes out of the bedroom to see what's going on. She then sees Jose throw the car keys at Gloria's face and push her up against the wall with his arm on her neck. As Jose continues to strangle and shout at Gloria, their 12-year-old calls 911. Approximately 10 minutes later, the police arrive on scene. When the police arrive, and knock on the door, Jose answers and lets the officers in. They see the 12-year-old standing in the kitchen, Gloria sitting on the couch crying, and as they survey the scene, they discover the two other children asleep in a bedroom. The police realize that Gloria speaks only Spanish, and Jose's English is fair. One police officer takes Jose outside to talk, while the other remains in the unit talking to Gloria while the 12-year-old interprets. Gloria is crying, and according to the 12-year-old is saying "nothing happened, please don't take my husband." The officers document visible injury to Gloria's face, including a cut on her lip. Officers also attempt to take statements from neighbors.

## **Discussion Questions:**

What is your initial reaction?

Is there any background information you think would be helpful to know?

What are your priorities in this situation?

What would the victim need in order to understand this process?

What would the defendant need in order to understand this process?

What would be needed in order to successfully prosecute this defendant?

In what ways could Jose still be exerting power and control throughout this process?

How could this situation affect the family long term?

How will the children specifically be impacted by this?

What services do you think would be beneficial to the parties?

Where could we see collaboration across the system?

Would anything you heard this morning change the way you would respond?

How would the parties' immigration status affect the case and how you work with these people?

## **Hypo #2**

Jamie has filed for a domestic violence civil protection order against Pat, an ex-partner with whom Jamie shares two children. In the petition, Jamie alleges that Pat texts constantly about wanting time with the children and that Pat is threatening. Jamie states that Pat will show up to the house at all hours and will ask to see the children. Last weekend when the children had come home from spending time with Pat, the children told Jamie that Pat had been drinking a lot of beer and had made a threat Jamie is going to “pay for this.” Before the relationship ended last year, Pat was often very physically violent towards Jamie. Pat was arrested in November 2017 for domestic violence, but Jamie did not go to court, and the case was dismissed. Jamie is asking for protection, but also wants both children listed as protected parties. Jamie appears at the emergency ex-parte civil protection order hearing alone.

## **Discussion Questions**

What is your initial reaction?

What background information would be helpful to have?

How does this situation differ from the first scenario?

How would your priorities differ in this scenario?

If you were the magistrate hearing this case, would you grant the order and why or why not?

What does Jamie need in order to be successful in this process?

How should Jamie plan for safety now that this protection order has been requested?

What other agencies could become involved now that this process has started?

How could these agencies collaborate for the best interest of this family?

Is there anything you heard this morning that would change how you would respond or what you recommend to Jamie if you were working with this family?

What impact does Jamie and Pat’s marital status have on this case?