

PERSONAL SAFETY

WORK- COURT- AND ANYTIME

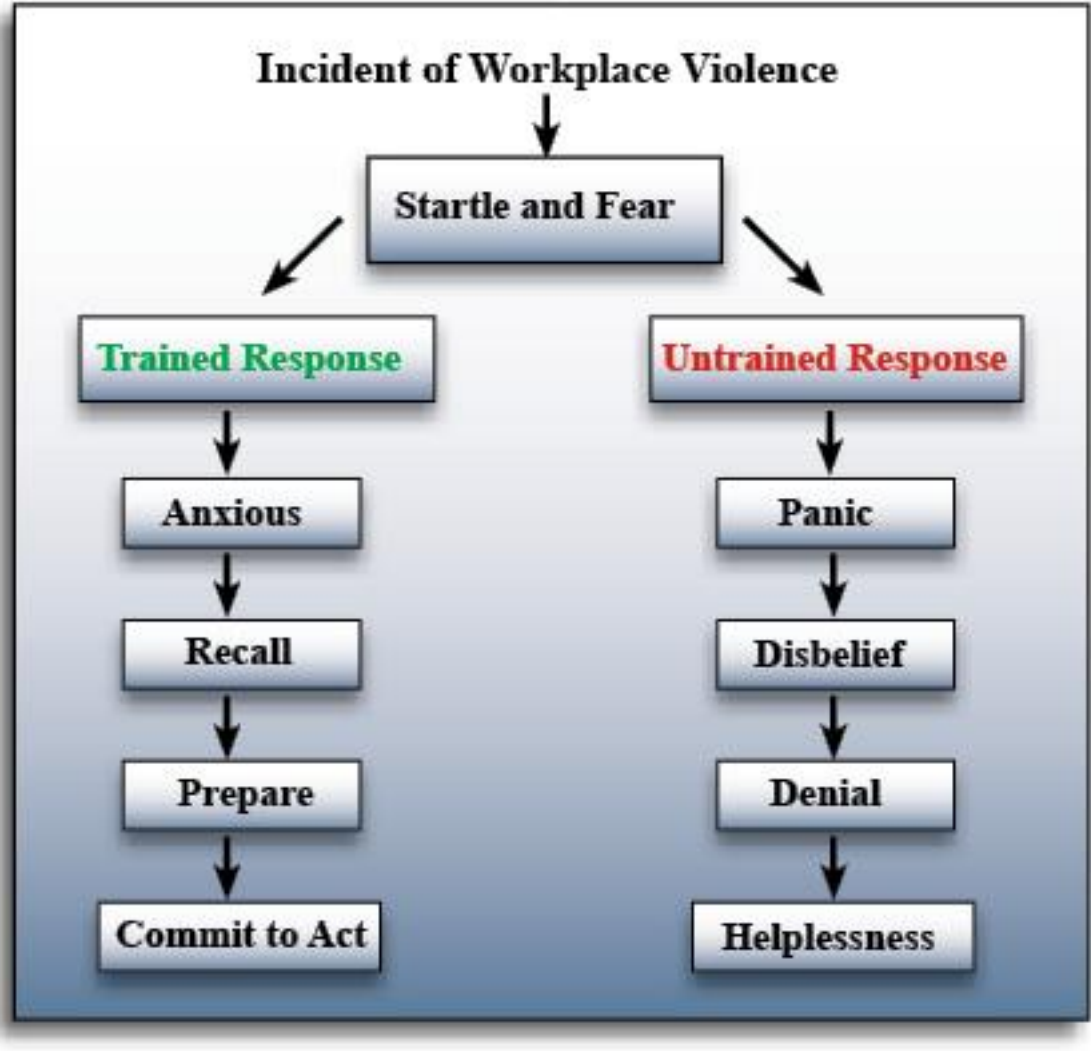


JEFFERSONVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A DCS WORKER

- **A JEFFERSONVILLE MAN IS IN JAIL CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH ASSAULTING TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND A CHILD SERVICES WORKER WHILE SHE WAS HOLDING HIS BABY.**

PARENTS CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING DCS WORKER

- **CLARKSVILLE TENN: CLARKSVILLE POLICE HAVE CHARGED A MOTHER AND FATHER WITH ASSAULT FOLLOWING A CONFRONTATION AT THE CITY'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES OFFICE**



Awareness

Taking the time to understand the situation and knowing the workplace environment well enough to be able to recognize changes.

Survival Mind-Set

Rehearsal

Practicing plan either mentally or physically to gain confidence and reduce response time.

Prevention

Looking at the workplace environment through the prism of survival and asking the what-if questions to be ready to do whatever it takes to get through the incident.

LEARN TO READ NON- VERBALS

- **IF THEY ARE SMILING AND SAYING EVERYTHING'S FINE, BUT ARE MOVING TOWARD YOU MAKING A FIST. WHICH IS TRUE? THEIR ACTIONS OR THEIR WORDS.**

TACT

- **THE MARINE CORPS DEFINES TACT AS THE ABILITY TO TELL SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE A #%& AND MAKE THEM FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT.**

USE YOUR VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL SKILLS

CHOICE OF WORDS

- **FIGHTING WORDS: SHUT UP, SIT DOWN, AND I WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOUR GOING TO DO**
- **NON- FIGHTING WORDS: LET'S CALM DOWN, HAVE A SEAT, AND I WILL EXPLAIN WHAT IS HAPPENING.**
- **AVOID PROVOKING OR ESCALATING AGGRESSION TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY CHOOSING WORDS THAT WILL CALM AND DE-ESCALATE THE SITUATION.**
- **LESSON LEARNED FROM WORK IN THE JAIL: WHY CARE IF THE INMATE IS CURSING AS LONG AS THEY ARE DOING WHAT YOU ASKED THEM TO DO. (DON'T TAKE WORK SITUATIONS PERSONALLY)**

PERSONAL SECURITY

- **STAY ALERT AND AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS WHEN TRAVELING**
- **KEEP YOUR PERSONAL SPACE AT YOUR COMFORT LEVEL**
- **KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND OTHERS**
- **KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE CHARGED**
- **LOOK FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE OR THINGS OUT OF PLACE BEFORE YOU LEAVE A LOCATION THAT IS SECURE**
- **ALWAYS SCAN THE AREA AND MAKE MENTAL NOTES BEFORE ENTERING**

PERSONAL SECURITY

- **WHILE WALKING FROM POINT A TO POINT B KEEP YOUR KEYS IN YOUR HAND**
- **TAKE TIME TO THINK BEFORE YOU ENTER A STRESSFUL SITUATION. DO IT ON YOUR TERMS**
- **WHAT DO YOU NORMALLY CARRY ON YOUR PERSON THAT COULD BE USED TO DEFEND YOURSELF**
- **WHAT IS ON YOUR DESK (OR AVAILABLE IN THE COURTROOM) THAT COULD BE USED AS A WEAPON AGAINST YOU**
- **BEING PEPEARD IS THE BEST WEAPON. -----STATE OF MIND...AWARE AND ALERT**

WHAT DO YOU SEE ?



KNOW YOUR SURROUNDINGS

- **AT COURT, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE EXITS ARE?**
- **WHEN YOU ENTER A PLACE TO EAT, DO YOU LOOK AROUND TO SEE WHO IS THERE?**
- **WHEN YOU ENTER A HOUSE, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BACK DOOR IS?**
- **DO NOT LET YOURSELF BE BACKED INTO A TRAP.**
- **ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN “B”**

MIND SET

- **CHOOSE WISELY WHERE YOU SIT AT A TABLE**
- **CHOOSE WISELY WHERE YOU PARK**
- **CHOOSE WISELY WHO GETS NEAR YOU**
- **CHOOSE TO BE PREPARED**

LISTEN TO YOUR INTUITION

- **IF A PERSON OR SPACE FEELS DANGEROUS, PAY ATTENTION AND TAKE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.**

******* ALWAYS ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION**

- **IF YOU HAVE CONCERN ABOUT WHERE YOUR GOING OR WHO YOUR ABOUT TO ENCOUNTER TAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH YOU**

******* BETTER TO HAVE THEM AND NOT NEED THEM... THAN TO NEED THEM AND NOT HAVE THEM**

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- On Tuesday, September 10, around 12:45 in the afternoon, a 32 year old CPS caseworker went to visit her client, Isaac Miller, age 19, at a home, in the 2400 block of Flint Court in Indian Springs Apartments. The caseworker told police, Miller became aggressive, pulled a knife on her and attempted to rape her.

She managed to get away, fled from the house, and knocked on the neighbor's door for help. Someone finally opened the door for her and called police.

The caseworker was taken to the hospital, and Miller was arrested and booked into the St Joseph County Jail around 6pm on the following preliminary charges: Attempt to commit rape with a deadly weapon, Criminal confinement with a deadly weapon, and Battery with a weapon.

He was formally charged on Friday.

KNOW WHERE YOU ARE AND MAKE SURE SOMEONE ELSE KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE

- **NO ONE CAN COME HELP YOU IF NO ONE KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE.**

3 ARRESTED AFTER CPS WORKER ATTACKED IN NW HOUSTON

- **MAY 1, 20**
- **HOUSTON—A CPS WORKER IS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A SECOND NIGHT AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY THREE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE PARENTS OF A 1-YEAR-OLD GIRL.**
- **OFFICIALS SAID CPS CASEWORKER STEPHANIE VERA, 23, MADE AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO CHECK ON A BABY GIRL AFTER REPORTS SHE WAS BEING MEDICALLY NEGLECTED AND ABUSED. VERA KNOCKED ON THE DOOR AT AN APARTMENT IN THE 8000 BLOCK OF TIDWELL AROUND 6 P.M. TUESDAY. THE CHILD'S MOTHER AND FATHER LET HER INSIDE.**
- **THAT'S WHEN POLICE SAY SHE WAS ATTACKED AND KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS. AT SOME POINT, VERA MANAGED TO PRESS A BUTTON ON HER CELL PHONE THAT RANG HER SUPERVISOR WHO THEN CALLED POLICE.**
- **POLICE SAID UPON THEIR ARRIVAL THEY FOUND VERA WITH BRUISES ON HER HEAD AND REDNESS AROUND HER NECK.**
- **HOUSTON POLICE SAID THE PARENTS AND A THIRD PERSON ARE IN JAIL AND WILL BE CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING. THEY INCLUDE THE CHILD'S MOTHER, 19-YEAR-OLD KARRISA MARIE FERRIGNO, THE FATHER, 21-YEAR-OLD TROY DAVIS, AND ANOTHER MAN, 21-YEAR-OLD SHANE DOUGLAS**

DCS WORKER ATTACKED IN COURT

- ***CLARKSVILLE, TENN.* - POLICE SAID A CLARKSVILLE WOMAN ATTACKED A DCS EMPLOYEE AFTER BEING TOLD HER CHILDREN WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE HOME.**
- **POLICE SAID DURING A HEARING ON THURSDAY, DENESHA CLARK GOT THE NEWS SHE WAS LOSING HER KIDS. THAT'S WHEN SHE ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED THE DCS CASEWORKER, LUNGING AT HER, AND TRYING TO PUNCH HER IN THE HEAD.**
- **THE WORKER MANAGED TO DODGE MOST OF THE BLOWS. BUT WHEN HER CO-WORKER TRIED TO BREAK IT UP, POLICE SAID VINCENT CLARK PUNCHED HIM IN THE HEAD SEVERAL TIMES, AND HEAD-BUTTED HIM.**
- **ANOTHER OF CLARK'S FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER DCS WORKERS STOPPED THE FIGHT.**
- **BOTH VINCENT AND DENESHA CLARK WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.**

**EXPECT THE WORST
HOPE FOR THE BEST
BUT BE READY FOR EVERYTHING**