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“One day the line of duty policewoman”

When the perpetrator is a police officer.

I'm working in the Police twenty-third year. It's been quite a long time ... For all these years I encountered various forms of domestic violence. Although it is more and more effective methods of fighting the perpetrators of domestic violence, it is still a gap in the methods of combating violence in police families. In such a situation I had to deal with directly. Unfortunately, in the family cop, I knew many years.

On 1st January 2008, the New Year has been my service on the second shift. Although I work in the Criminal Unit, but as it is on a small urban and municipal police station, during the feast, at the service is one criminal police officer and one from prevention. It's just because it's New Year, so nothing serious should happen. Approx. hrs. 20.00 application of intervention - drunken husband, brawl, wife waiting in front of the house, the address of intervention seems familiar to me. While driving a police car on the spot confirmed my suspicions were confirmed, the perpetrator is a police officer fights, my colleague with whom I served for several years. When we arrived, the woman despite the snow and frost waiting outside, very upset says that the husband is drunk, that it tore that haunted her, and she was afraid of him. She says, too, that this is not the first such incident so far she did not report anything because her husband is a cop and always tried to persuade her that if she reports it no one would believe her, and he will destroy it after that.

When he saw me he was happy because he hopes that because we served together, it will not have trouble. Somehow I could not believe in his innocence and that the wife is doing it on purpose to annoy. Woman asks to take her to her sister. Along the way we talk, I'm trying to explain to her that it was not her fault that she can not to be intimidated just because her husband works at the Police Station I guess my persuasion resulted in a woman gives notice of the offense

in the Prosecutor's Office. Although the proceedings are terminated lack of prosecution, but the victim is stronger, not afraid to make a case of private prosecution. Implemented is also a Blue Card procedure.

Everything takes some time, but in the end for this woman ends happily. Husband moves out of the house, she gets a divorce, freed from a previous life, he begins a new, calmer. At Headquarters, where he is a policeman - the perpetrator of violence - some people look at me very strange - "colleague" speaks of me very badly ... but what to do. However, in this case, I am convinced of the validity of my arguments.

Well, that at present more and more talk about the problem of domestic violence, including the violence in police families - because such a problem exists. Once, a few years ago, women - wives of police officers rarely have the courage to talk about it, their husbands were police officers, so to whom they were to complain, talk about the problem? husband's work colleagues do not believe, after all, is "such a nice guy." In the case of the family, with whom I had direct contact, or so it seemed. The policeman had a good reputation among colleagues. He worked for about 20 years, always very well spoke of his wife and daughter. In his telephone conversations with his wife conducted with colleagues, we did not hear anything other than "yes dear, good sun" ... etc.

However, as it turns out, he had a second face, as I found out personally - adult daughter in the Court also testified against him. At the moment this cop is now retired. I hope that the whole situation also taught him something. I serve on. All the time in the Criminal Unit of police station. I think sometimes about retirement, but it is still vague past. What I would do if such a situation repeated itself? Exactly the same thing

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