

Appendix 30

Follow-up Investigations and Expanded Attention to Risk

1. Conduct a thorough interview with the victim that includes attention to:
 - a. Her or his account of events surrounding the incident
 - b. The extent to which the victim feels uneasy about providing information about the incident to law enforcement and if so, why
 - c. The extent to which the suspect has ever warned the victim about talking with police or outsiders for help, now or in the past, and the specifics of any threats or warnings
 - d. Initial and continuing treatment of injuries
2. Conduct the domestic violence risk assessment with the victim, in accordance with *Appendix 1A: Practitioner's Guide to Risk and Danger in Domestic Violence Cases*.
 - a. Review the victim's response to the three risk questions included in the patrol report
 - b. Ask the victim about the suspect's actions and behavior:
 - Does he/she own a gun?
 - Have you left after living together?
 - Does he/she ever try to choke you?
 - Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?
 - Has he/she threatened to kill you or himself?
 - Has he/she avoided arrest for domestic violence?
 - Does he/she use drugs? If so, what kind and with what effect?
 - Has he/she ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to?
 - Does he/she control many of your daily activities (e.g., friendships, whether or when your family can visit, travel)?
 - Is he/she jealous of you?

- Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening notes or messages?
 - Do you have a child that is not his/hers?
 - Has he/she beaten you when you were pregnant?
 - Has he/she ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
 - Is he/she working?
 - Is he/she an alcoholic or problem drinker?
- c. In the victim interview and risk assessment, probe for details related to:
- Severity and frequency of abuse
 - Victim's level of fear
 - Isolation
 - History of violence (whether or not it resulted in law enforcement contact)
3. Use the discussion with victim to determine if the violence constitutes battering, resistive violence, or domestic violence with no patterned attempt to control the victim.
4. Follow up on any indications or suspicions of strangulation, stalking, witness tampering, or sexual coercion or aggression.