



## NO MATTER WHAT HE OR SHE SAYS...

THE ABUSE IS NOT YOUR FAULT / YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO BE ABUSED  
ANY CONSEQUENCES THE DEFENDANT RECEIVES ARE NOT YOUR FAULT  
YOU CANNOT DROP THE CHARGES / THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS BRINGING THE  
CHARGES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OREGON.

## WHAT MAY HAPPEN WHILE YOUR CASE IS PENDING

### **THE DEFENDANT MAY ATTEMPT TO "REWRITE HISTORY" OR TRY TO CONFUSE YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE INCIDENT.**

"I never said those things - I would never threaten you or hurt you."  
"It's my property - I can do what I want to it."  
"This is all a misunderstanding."  
"You're not really hurt."

### **He/She May Minimize What Happened During the Incident.**

"We were just arguing! I shouldn't go to jail for this."  
"The police blew this way out of proportion. I barely touched you."

### **The Defendant May Make Excuses For What Happened, Apologize, Send You Gifts, And Promise To Change.**

"You know how much stress I'm under."  
"I was drunk. I promise I'll get sober."  
"It was an accident. You know I would never intentionally hurt you."  
"I'm sorry - I just snapped. You know how much I really love you."  
"It will never happen again, I promise."

### **The Defendant May Blame You For The Arrest, Attempt To Make You Feel Guilty, And Claim To Be The Victim.**

"This never would have happened if you had (had not)..."  
"You started it! You're always nagging me."  
"You never should have called the police. Now look at the mess we're in."  
"Why are you doing this? You're tearing our family apart."  
"This could cost me my job."  
"What did you tell them? How am I supposed to defend myself?"

### **The Defendant May Try To Talk You Out Of Appearing In Court.**

"If you don't show up in court, this will all go away."  
"You can get them to drop the charges."

### **The Defendant May Threaten You.**

"If you show up in court, you'll pay for it."  
"You have to drop the protection order! If you don't, I'll be homeless."  
"If you don't drop the charges, I'll report you to Child Protective Services."  
"If you show up in court, I'll fight you for custody of the kids."  
"If you testify against me, I'll have to teach you a lesson."