

the following is my story which I hope will impact a yea note on this bill and perhaps encourage future bills on domestic violence to be Bourne.

My ex abuser was convicted of a Level 7 person Felony (aggravated assault), 2 violations of PFA, Cases are below

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22dv00828

23dv01022

I have a lifetime PFA

He wrote out when we were together confessing to several acts of violence he did. His elder uncle admitted my ex abuser hurt him physically. This same uncle pays for his lawyer and housing . That's how deep the brainwashing goes. By the time a victim reports abuse usually multiple convictable offenses have happened but fear prevented the victims from reporting them. So to say " repeat" offenders, in my mind a first offense should be considered grounds for not allowing work release. 44 percent of domestic violence cases are un-reported.

I told him if he wanted another chance w me he had to. It was not entered as evidence. No charges were pressed on them. I was almost not allowed to read it in court.

At one hearing , I was not told of a plea bargain which violates my victim rights. I was told I could sue the courts but it wouldn't bode well for me.

I filed a strangulation report and the police said they felt sure charges would be pressed. They were not . The chance a victim will die at the hand of abuser is 75 percent higher if strangulation had happened. That wasn't taken into consideration.

When I was with him and hadn't left (tried 7x, he found me each time or else lured me back due to the trauma bond and brainwashing. I had open wounds on arm and couldn't care for myself and since he'd isolated me , I was dependent on him for care .

I tried to get into a women's shelter and they never had bed space though I called day after day. If they had , I would have been safe , no assault , no hip surgery. We need more shelters .

When I was with him , I'd called the batterers intervention programs to see what the success rates were . I was told only about 30 percent of the graduates of programs stop physically abusing . I was told even those still continue in abuse cycles emotionally abusing etc . (per reports on involved partners that spoke w BIP leaders)

The rehabilitative measures used for violent Dv offenders don't work .

When my offender was offered work release I was terrified. I had to immediately relocate as I was told by his friend he was driving by my place every day .

I stopped believing police would protect or believe me as there are reports (a publication I can cite) that show violence is present in many cops households .

So when an offender is released , not all factors are considered . My offender is manipulative and if he can successfully manipulate victims and cops and courts how is a domestic violence assessment or BIP going to change them ? A piece of paper (PFA) means nothing as he violated mine multiple times. He's failing at probation. He had prior misdemeanors and a prior assault charge that was dropped due to victim not showing up.

Since most go on to reoffend and even kill their victims , why are more jails not built ? Johnson County is one of the highest tax brackets ? Where is the money going ? How is this fair ? I've been told by the prosecutor that is why he/ dv offenders don't get sentenced to more time .

Yet rapists do.... And drug offenders.

I have to live with knowing I am not safe. I also have to live with knowing I didn't receive justice I deserve . However I can fight for the women who don't have a voice and the ones dying daily. Please vote yes on this bill and take my information into consideration for future bills. The next 3 women that die due to domestic violence could be your sister, daughter, mother, aunt , or you. I was a middle class independent woman . I never thought I'd be a victim .