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IN THE TIPPECANOE SUPERIOR COURT #5

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE )

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 VS )  
TRAVIS L. DOWELL )

CAUSE NO. 79D05-0906-FD- 272

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My name is [REDACTED] Dowell. [REDACTED]

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On February 4th, 2009, I was at McCutcheon High School, working on a school project when I received a phone call from my father, Travis Dowell. He was very upset and told me that I had not advised him of where I was going to be that evening. We agreed that I would finish my project and return home as soon as it was completed and when it was done I returned home around 6:00 p.m.

[REDACTED]

My step-mother, April Dowell and my siblings, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were also at the home.

I went my room at which time my father, Travis Dowell, asked me to come out to the kitchen table to discuss the problems we were having. I went to the kitchen table at which time Travis and my step-mother, April, became very agitated with me and began yelling and screaming. I was upset and did not wish to listen to this so I went back to my room. My father and my step-mother ordered me back to the kitchen table because the discussion was "not finished". I refused to go back.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

My step-mother April entered my bedroom and continued yelling at me. A short time later my father also entered the bedroom and was also yelling at me. I was seated in my chair and at one point Travis came over and attempted to grab me. He grabbed a sleeve but I jerked away and stood up and moved back. My father walked toward me. I tried to maneuver to stay away from him because I felt that he was very upset. My room is very small and I was not able to elude Travis for long. He pinned me against the wall with his body and got into my face and continued to scream at me. My father asked for my keys which were in my purse. My father then asked my stepmother April to go out to my car and remove the license plate. He told my stepmother that if I [REDACTED] attempted to leave with no license plate on the car he would report the car as being stolen with no license plate. I purchased the car; however, the car is registered to Travis and April Dowell. April grabbed my cell phone from the area of her chair and began going through it. April then left the room at which time my father continued to scream and yell at me.

After my stepmother left, my father grabbed my purse in an apparent attempt to find my keys and pulled so hard on the handles of the purse that the body of the purse was torn in several places. My father then got very close to me again and because my father's upper body is quite large, it caused me to be pressed against the wall. My father reached up with one hand toward my face and I dodged and his hand grazed my face and struck the wall. He then grabbed my throat with his hand and began to squeeze. I was having difficulty breathing and he grabbed her around the throat with his other hand and began choking me which made it difficult for me to breathe, and caused me pain. My father then threw me to the ground at which time my feet left the floor and I landed on the floor, striking the back of my head,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

which caused me pain. I blacked out for a moment and when my head cleared I was on the floor, on my back, and my father was standing over and continuing to yell. I was able to get back to my feet and I noticed that the door was closed; however, I do not remember anyone closing the door. My father continued to yell at me, making demeaning comments as well cursing at me. Then April re-entered the room with her license plate in hand and began yelling at my father to calm down and to leave the room. He did leave the room at which time April came in and tried to console me. I told April that my father was abusing me and April denied any of that was happening and continued to try to calm me.

After the incident with my father I discovered I had minor abrasions or scratch marks on the left side of my neck as well as a reddening area across the Adam's apple area, and I had a severe headache after hitting my head on the floor and the wall and my body was in pain for a couple of days after the incident.

The undersigned affirms under penalty for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

[REDACTED]