

## Domestic Disturbance Transcript

This is John Everly with Spokane Police and we are going to do the scenario for a difficult person. The scenario is officers are dispatched to a domestic violence situation where the neighbor says that the two people inside have a history of fighting. We arrive on scene and contact them at the front door.

"Hello Sir, my name is Officer Everly, Spokane Police Department. I was dispatched here on a report of domestic violence call, is everything alright?"

"Yeah, everything is fucking fine, my TV is a little loud and, what the hell? My neighbor is calling you guys again?"

"I see, well, I'm wondering if you all are familiar with the laws in the State of Washington regarding domestic violence, and what my obligations are as a police officer."

"No, I don't give a shit about your fucking obligations."

"Well alright sir, if you don't mind, I'll explain them too you. The law says I have to do a thorough examination to ensure the safety of all of those involved. The way I do that I go in and I talk to folks. So I was hoping that you would let me finish my duties tonight and come inside your house and talk with you and the female inside your house."

"You're not fucking coming into my house."

"Well, it seems that your upset sir, so perhaps I can explain this a little bit better for you. We have a couple of options here and I want to explain them to you so you can have a good decision and we can have a good issue tonight. The first option, which is the best option is that you let my partner and me inside your house so we can check on the female inside your house and make sure she's alright. If that happens, you guys can go about your night and resolve whatever issues you all was arguing about and we'll leave. Second option is not nearly as good as the first option and probably involves us kicking your door in since you are not willing to let us in the house. We'll end up breaking the door, which you'll have to fix. More than likely, you're not going to be happy when we kick your door in, so we'll probably be forced to throw you in a set of handcuffs. After that, we'll talk to the female inside the house and probably what happened is that you all was just verbally arguing, which isn't a crime in the State of Washington. But you're going to be going to jail for obstructing me tonight. I don't want to see that happen and I don't think you want to see that happen, either. Which is why I want to see you pick option number one."

"Doesn't sound like I have much of a fucking option, copper."

"Well yeah, you're kinda right. You have options, but I also have a duty to act, so I would really like to see you choose option number one. I really think you and I can end things in a peaceful conclusion. Are you willing to work with me and choose option 1 so we can minimize our time here together and you could back to being you?"

Well, it sounds like you are fucking coming in either way, I don't have much of a say in the matter. Come on in. She's in the kitchen, we were just arguing and nothing else happened.

Well, thank you for your cooperation.