Preventing Youth Dating Violence

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Cops: 'Conflict' with friend turned deadly

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■ 17-year-old boy held in girl's slaying; prosecutor wants to try teen as an adult.

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They met as middle schoolers, two friends growing up in the troubled Meadows neighborhood on Indianapolis' Northeastside.

Tasha Winters loved to have her hair and nails done just so, especially when she headed out to Circle Centre mall or a skating rink. When she met Jarvis D. Johnson, she found another teen who liked the mall and skating just as much as she did.

But police say the friendship between Tasha, 16, and Jarvis, 17, ended in a deadly encounter Monday. Three teens riding their bikes found her dead of a gunshot to the head in a Near-Southside alley about 1 p.m.

Officers arrested Jarvis on preliminary charges of murder late Monday near his home in the 10300 block of Governors Lane. He also was charged with carrying a firearm without a license.

Police would not be specific about a motive in the case, only saying Jarvis had a "conflict" with Tasha.

Although formal charges have not been filed yet, Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said he wants to try Jarvis as an adult. In Indiana, prosecutors have the power to directly file charges in adult court against 17-year-old juveniles accused of violent crimes.

Results of the autopsy were not available from the Marion

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Dating Violence

Up to 40% of Teens Have Been Assaulted on Dates.

Victims Killed and Assaulted

- In 95% of reported domestic assaults, the female is the victim and the male is the perpetrator
- 3% of reported domestic assaults are homosexual male couples
- In 2% of reported domestic assaults, the female is the perpetrator

Victims Killed and Assaulted

- Each year, 7% of all American women are physically abused by their spouse or partner- 37% are verbally or emotionally abused
- 14% of all American women acknowledge having been violently abused by a husband or boyfriend.
- One study showed that 30% of all women presenting injuries in an emergency room were identified as having injuries caused by battering.
- Of the women presenting injuries in metropolitan emergency rooms, 28% require admission-- 13% require major medical treatment-- 40% have previously required medical care for abuse.

Victims Killed and Assaulted

- From 1992-93, 29% of all violence against women by a lone offender was by an intimate.
- Every year, there are more women beaten by a spouse or intimate partner than are injured in auto accidents, rapes and muggings combined.
- 75% of domestic homicides occur after the victim has left the perpetrator.
- In 1994, 28% of all female murder victims were slain by husbands or boyfriends. .

Recent Harvard University Response to Violence Against Women

- New university sexual assault policy
  - Requires "sufficient, independent, corroborating evidence."
  - Student victims must NOW provide evidence
- "If the policy is sustained, other schools could follow suit." (Penn Law Professor David Rudovsky)

University of Tennessee Study

- 28% of female respondents had been slapped, pushed or shoved by a dating partner
- 33% of female respondents had been stalked
- 82% of respondents (male & female) knew someone who had been involved in a violent dating relationship
- 62% of respondents (male & female) knew someone in high school who had been the victim of a dating violence
- 60% of female respondents had had their personal property destroyed by a dating partner

University of Illinois Study

- 36% of respondents had experienced some form of violence in a relationship
- 4% had disclosed

The Facts

- About 80% of assaults include pushing, shoving, slapping and grabbing
- Over 70% of pregnant or parenting teens are beaten by their boyfriends
- Over 85% of all sexual assaults involve friends or acquaintances
- 71% of all sexual assaults are planned
- Only 1 out of 10 sexual assaults are ever reported to law enforcement
- 30% of women murdered in U.S are killed by their husband or boyfriend.

Where Do We Learn Violent & Abusive Behavior?

Domestic Violence and Juvenile Delinquency

- Children are present in 40-55% of homes where police intervene in domestic violence calls.
- 63% of juveniles serving time in jail for murder are there for killing an abusive father, stepfather, or mother's live-in boyfriend in an attempt to protect their mother.

Domestic Violence and Juvenile Delinquency cont.

- Being abused or neglected as a child increases the risk of arrest as a juvenile by 53%, as an adult by 38%, and for violent crime by 38%.
- Violent juveniles are four times more likely than are nonviolent juveniles to come from homes in which their fathers beat their mothers.

Background

Children raised in violent homes are:

- 6 times as likely to commit suicide
- 26 times as likely to commit sexual assault
- 57 times as likely to abuse drugs
- 74 times as likely to commit other crimes against persons

The indoctrination into violence often starts very early:

- 28% of all females battered are pregnant
- The March of Dimes reports that more babies are now born with birth defects as a result of their mothers being battered during pregnancy than from the combination of all the diseases and illnesses which we immunize pregnant women.

The Patriarchal Culture has provided men with social permission to control women and children.

Patriarchal Society

- Around 560 B.C. Confucius said, one hundred women are not worth a single testicle.
- Pulpit advise from the middle ages, men should beat their wives. Wives should kiss the rod that beats them.

Patriarchal Society Continued:

- In 584, 43 catholic bishops and 20 other men representing bishops took a vote to declare if women were human. The result was 32 yea and 31 nay.
- In June of 1997, Justice Donald Roberts of Franklin County, NY said, “every woman needs a good pounding now and then.”

What are the costs of male training?

- More complex than simply understanding relationship between being raised in a violent home a perpetrating future violence
- We must examine the socialization process
- This is not male-bashing
  - 95% of family violence perpetrated by men
  - 90% of rapes committed by men
- A call for Real Men to stand up, speak out and hold abusive men accountable
- Silence is permission for abuse

Act Like a Man Box

Strong & Tough
Unemotional
Dominate
Independent
Don't Cry
The Provider
Take Charge
Tough
Angry
In Control

What happens when a man/boy steps outside the box?

- Labeled "girl," "wimp," "sissy," "queer"
- "Big Boys Don't Cry"
- Shame vs. Guilt
- Acceptable emotions
  - Happy or Angry
  - Anger is not the problem here
  - Anger can be productive (civil rights movement MLK Jr.)
  - Boys programmed to bury true emotions (fear, sadness) and display these emotions as anger

The Costs of Male Training

1. Have you ever worried you were not tough enough?
2. Have you ever exercised to make yourself tougher?
3. Have you ever been disrespected by adult?
4. Have you ever been told not to cry?
5. Have you ever been hit to make yourself stop crying?
6. Have you ever been called a wimp, queer or a fag?
7. Have you ever been told to act like a man?

The Costs of Male Training

8. Have you ever been forced to fight or been in a fight because you felt you had to prove you were a man?
9. Have you ever seen an adult man you looked up to or respected hit or brutalize another person?
10. Have you ever been physically injured by another person?
11. Have you ever been injured on a job?
12. Have you ever been physically injured and hid the pain or kept it to yourself?

The Costs of Male Training

13. Were you ever sexually abused or touched in a way you didn't like by another person?
14. Have you ever stopped yourself from showing affection, hugging, or touching another man because of how it might look?
15. Have you ever been arrested or done time in prison?
16. Have you ever been (or do you plan to be) in the military?
17. Have you ever gotten so mad that you drove fast or lost control of a vehicle?

The Costs of Male Training

18. Did you ever drink or take other drugs to cover your feelings or hide the pain?
19. Have you ever felt like blowing yourself away?
20. Have you ever hurt another person physically?
21. Have you ever hurt another person sexually, or were you sexual with another person when that person didn't want to be?

Expectations for Women: Act Like a Lady Box

Polite
Nurturing
Emotional
Submissive
Dependent
Caretaker
Pretty

What happens when woman/girl steps outside the box?

- Labeled “bitch,” “butch,” “dyke,” “whore”
- We have to replace the false expectations in the box with expectations that promote peace.

Why Abuser’s Abuse

- **Society Says It’s Okay**- For too long, our society has condoned abuse in families and failed to hold batterers accountable for violence.
- **It Works**- Terrorized by the abuse, the victim will say or do anything to survive.
- **It’s a Choice**- The batterer *chooses* to use violence to control family or household members.
- **Learned Behavior**
  - 85 percent of the men who abuse women were either abused as a child or saw their mother abused.
  - Learned through observation.
  - Learned in communities: schools, peer groups, sports, etc.

Abuse is NOT Caused By:

- Illness- less than 5% of battering a mental health issue
- Genetics
- Alcohol/Drugs
- Out of Control Behavior
- Stress

Signs of Battering Personality

- Jealousy: Abuser often says that jealousy is love. Jealousy has nothing to do with love, but is a sign of possessiveness.
- Controlling Behavior: At the onset, abuser will explain this behavior as worrying about victim's safety. The reality is the abuser needs total control of victim.

Signs of Battering Personality

- Unrealistic Expectations: Abusive people will expect their partner to meet all their needs- the perfect wife.
- Isolation: Abusive person tries to cut partner off from family, friends and co-workers. Victims often do not have access to vehicles, money, work or school.
- Blames Others for Problems: Abuser blames partner for problems at work, or for mistakes made. Abuser accepts no responsibility for actions.
- Blames Others for Feelings: Abuser really makes the decision about what he/she thinks or feels, but will use feelings to manipulate the woman.

Signs of Battering Personality

- Hypersensitivity: Abuser is easily insulted and claims that his/her feelings are hurt when really he/she's very mad or takes the slightest setbacks as personal attacks.
- Cruelty to Animals or Children: This is a person who punishes animals brutally. He may expect children to be capable of doing things beyond their ability- whips 2 year old for wetting diaper.
- Playful Use of Force in Sex: Abuser may throw woman down and hold her during sex. Abuser is letting partner know that the idea of rape is exciting.
- Verbal Abuse: Cruel, degrading and hurtful comments

Signs of Battering Personality

- Rigid Sex Roles: The abuser expects the woman to serve them; believes woman should stay at home and obey all his rules.
- Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: Many abusers are confused by their abuser's sudden changes in mood. Explosiveness and moodiness are typical of persons who beat their partners.
- **History of Battering: This person may say that he/she has hit women in the past, but they made him/her do it. The woman might hear of previous abuse from ex-spouses or former girlfriends.

Signs of Battering Personality

- **Threats of Violence: This could be any threat of physical force used to control the woman. Most people do not threaten their partners, but a batterer will try to excuse threats by saying "everybody talks like that."
- **Breaking or Striking Objects: This behavior is used as punishment, but is mostly used to terrorize the victim into submission.
- **Any Force During Argument: This may involve abuser holding the woman down, physically restraining her from leaving the room or pushing/shoving
- Quick Involvement: Many battered women dated or knew their abuser for less than six months before they moved in together, engaged or married. Psychological advantage for abuser.

Stalking

Identifying the Behavior Early

Stalking Background

- 5% of the women in the general population will be a victim of stalking in their lifetime.
- Over 1 million American women are stalked each year.
- The stalker is known to the victim in 80% of the cases involving women.
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“Stalking”

To move threateningly or menacingly, to pursue and go stealthily toward an animal for the purpose of killing or capturing it.

Webster

The Domestic Stalker

- Usually male
- Seems to believe that a tortured relationship is better than no relationship at all
- Usually comes from an abusive childhood
- Harbors hostilities toward women
- When victim tries to end relationship, offender will respond with violence
- Uses terrorist tactics
- Gathers intelligence about his target
- Seeks contact through letters, visits, telephone calls

The Domestic Stalker

- Harasses friends, relatives and co-workers for information
- Follows victim
- Breaks into victim’s home
- Watches victim sleep
- Makes threats
- Property damage/ vandalism
- Killing of pets
- History of abusing women
- Hides dependence on women with macho image

Questions to Determine if Someone is Being Stalked

- Was the victim so afraid that they changed their phone number? Cell phone number? Pager number?
- Was the victim so frightened that they avoided social events that they went to regularly in the past?
- Was the victim so frightened that they changed classes? Jobs? Asked for a job transfer? Moved in with relatives?
- Was the victim so frightened that they added extra locks on doors? Added a security system to their home or car?
- Has the victim considered seeking psychiatric or psychological treatment because of the stalking? Sought a counselor? Pastor?
- Have the actions caused the victim to suffer emotional distress?

Questions to Determine if Someone is Being Stalked

- Has the suspect ever battered or attempted to batter the victim?
- Has the suspect followed the victim in a repetitive manner?
- Has the suspect ever threatened the victim?
- Has the suspect sent the victim threatening mail? Letters? Email?
- Does the suspect follow the victim to and from school? Work? After school activities? Show up unannounced?

Assessing Lethality

Assessing Threats: Pre-Incident Indicators

- Does the victim believe the threat?
- Was threat made in presence of others? In writing? Recorded phone call?
- Is it detailed and specific?
- Is threatened act consistent with past behaviors?
- Have there been "rehearsals" of the act threatened?
- Does the threat extend to others (children, family, new partner)
- Does the threat involve murder, suicide or both?

Assessing Lethality

- Threats of Homicide or Suicide
- Fantasies of Homicide or Suicide
- Weapons
- "Ownership" of Victim
- Obsessed with Victim or Family
- Separation Violence
- Depression

Assessing Lethality

- Access to Victim or Family
- Hostage-Taking
- Escalation of Batterer Risk
- Previous Contact With Police
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Other Danger Signals

Some in Society Still Believe That:

- A man has the right to demand sex when he buys a woman dinner.
- Women are here to serve men.
- Men must be aggressive.
- Women need to be submissive.
- Violence in a relationship needs to be kept private.
- The man has the right to control the relationship.

Some in Society Still Believe That a Rape Victim Is to Blame Because:

- of what she was wearing.
- she had been drinking.
- of her previous sexual activity.
- of her choice to go to a party.
- he thought she meant yes when she said no.
- she consented to sex previously.

Date Rape---it Can Happen to Anyone

- Date rape is difficult to talk about.
- Date rape is a serious crime.
- Date rape is a violation of one's body and trust.
- The behaviors in date rape are the same as in rape by a stranger, domestic and dating violence
- Date rape has nothing to do with love or passion.

Types of Date Rape Drugs

Alcohol is the #1 date rape drug used. Alcohol makes you more vulnerable to things you may not be at risk for when you are sober

Gamma-hydroxybutryate (GHB)

A central nervous system depressant that produces a euphoric state.
Unconsciousness can occur after 15 minutes and coma within to to 40 minutes
Produces drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, amnesia, visual hallucinations, reduced blood pressure, decreased heart rate, hypnotic effects, convulsions, severe respiratory depression and coma.

Drugs in the Heartland, Special Report

Ketamine

- Primary use is in veterinary medicine
- Powder is snorted
- Liquid is added to drinks
- Produces state of delirium
- Inability to move
- Can't feel pain
- Can't remember what happened

Rohypnol

- Effects start in 15 to 20 minutes
- Last 4 to 6 hours
- Some effects can last up to 12 hours
- Reduction in anxiety
- Muscle relaxation
- Sedation
- 7 to 10 times more potent than Valium

Signs Of Being Drugged

•If the feel more intoxicated than the amount of alcohol consumed justifies or they feel intoxicated when they have been drinking a non-alcoholic beverage.

• If they wake up very hung over, feeling "fuzzy," experience memory lapse, or can't account for a period of time.

• If they have injuries to their body, but can't remember how it happened.

Your Personal Bill of Rights in Relationships

- You have the RIGHT to be treated with respect.
- You have the RIGHT not to take responsibility for anyone else's problems or bad behavior.
- You have the RIGHT to say "No".
- You have the RIGHT to make mistakes.
- You have the RIGHT to have your own feelings, opinions and convictions.
- You have the RIGHT to change your mind or to decide on a different course of action.
- You have the RIGHT to negotiate for change.
- You have the RIGHT to ask for emotional support or help.
- You have the RIGHT to protest unfair treatment or criticism.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DATING VIOLENCE

Being a Friend to a Victim of Abuse

Most teens talk to other teens about their problems. If a friend tells you he or she is being victimized, here are some suggestions on how you can help.

- If you notice a friend is in an abusive relationship, don't ignore signs of abuse. Talk to your friend.
- Express your concerns. Tell your friend you're worried. Support, don't judge.
- Point out your friend's strengths, many people in abusive relationships are no longer capable of seeing their own abilities and gifts.
- Encourage them to confide in a trusted adult. Talk to a trusted adult if you believe the situation is getting worse. Offer to go with them for help.
- Never put yourself in a dangerous situation with the victim's partner. Don't be a mediator.
- Call the police if you witness an assault. Tell an adult - school principal, parent, guidance counselor.

What Can You Do?

- Start a peer education program on teen dating violence.
- Ask your school library to buy books about living without violence and the cycle of domestic or dating violence.
- Create bulletin boards in the school cafeteria or classroom to raise awareness.
- Perform a play about teen dating violence.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DOMESTIC or DATING VIOLENCE