## POLICE PERPETRATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## PHYSICAL KNOWLEDGE OF LAW & COURT SYSTEM: **POLICE RESPONSE:** He is the police. ROs He knows court automatically respond procedures and to "officer in distress." personnel. Presents self Often no department well in court -- knows policy, so colleagues use what to say and not say. their own discretion. No one expects him to Her word against his as a perjure, as he's sworn to police officer. uphold the law. TRAINING ADVANTAGES: LACK OF SHELTER & **RESOURCES:** What makes him a good officer ECONOMICA, can make him a dangerous abuser. Abuser knows shelter locations. EMOTIONAL Intimidates by presence alone Friends and family afraid -- uniform, stance, voice. Uses to help or she refuses to **POWER** command/interrogation voice to endanger them. Usual support untrained, unwilling, or unable intimidate, threaten. Trained to use body as weapon. to help. AND **WEAPONS & FORCE:** CONTROL **OFFICER AS VICTIM:** Constant presence of Greater potential for lethality. weapons in home. Uses No one believes officer can service weapon, baton, be victim. Ostracized by handcuffs, other "tools of the trade" in abuse. Uses colleagues, no longer trusted, broke Code of Silence. May arm locks, choke holds to endanger other officers. subdue with no marks or bruises. PERSONAL IMPACT: **PSYCHOLOGICAL** Friends, family, service THREATS: providers doubt her Threatens to hurt family, credibility. Loss of status as police wife. High potential for lethality. friends. Knows how to commit perfect crime and criminals who can do his Loss of privacy and dirty work. Threatens to kill her and himself if she protection -- phone taps, surveillance. costs him his job. SEXUAL

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