

AFFIDAVIT OF TERRY STEIN

My name is Terry Stein. I am the director of the Pocono Chapter of Women's Resources. As director, I am in charge of our local abuse shelter. I graduated from Pocono Women's Collage in 1999. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Resources. After graduation, I worked as an intern and then a victim-witness coordinator for the Pocono District Attorney's office. Many of the district attorneys and police officers with whom I worked are still employed in area law enforcement. Over the years, I have worked closely with Detective Sal(Iy) Palmer.

After leaving the District Attorney's office, I became the director of Pocono Women's Resources. I have been the director for the last eight years. Women's Resources is an international organization. It has international, national, state, regional, and local chapters. Women's Resources advocates for the safety and freedom of women. However, patterned after Martin Luther King's doctrine, Women's Resources advocates only peaceful means by which to protect women and advocate women's rights. Our strategy is to educate, protect, and inform. We abhor violence. A pet peeve of mine is women who take the law into their own hands.

Women's Resources is a multi-service agency. It operates several programs to advance women's rights and protect and educate those who are abused. At all levels, Women's Resources publishes volumes of literature to help in the educational process. In addition, we operate shelters to help and protect abused women and children. Finally, we participate and network with other agencies to refer women to counseling and protective services which they may need.

Kim Monroe came to our shelter on several occasions. She first visited the shelter late in 2009. At that time, she came with a friend, Fran Nilva. When Ms. Monroe and her friend appeared, Ms. Monroe did not say much. However, her friend kept saying that "the cheating bastard beat her up again. He should be locked up." Ms. Monroe talked to an intake counselor, but declined to enter the shelter. Ms. Monroe next came to the shelter in early 2010. This time she came alone. When she came, she was bruised and beaten. Her injuries were very consistent with physical abuse.

Ms. Monroe stayed for two days of a five day program. She received intake and initial counseling on how to protect herself, avoid violence, and report abuse. She was also given literature on all protective and counseling services available, the phone numbers for the police and abuse hotline, and educational material.

During her stay, Ms. Monroe was obnoxious and somewhat belligerent and arrogant. She blamed others for her problems. She told us that her then-fiancé, George Monroe, had beaten her. She also claimed that he had a criminal history including arrests and criminal convictions. When she made threats about her fiancé, we attempted to counsel her on other ways to handle the situation, including calling off her wedding and completely severing her relationship. Ms. Monroe was given several referrals for counseling and therapy. I do not believe that she ever followed up.

Ms. Monroe next came to the shelter on Valentine's Day, 2010. She was bruised and beaten. She had the same basic story and again said that her now husband had beaten her. For the first time, however, she mentioned that he had been cheating on her. We talked about the holiday pattern of abuse that appeared to be emerging. Again, Ms. Monroe was counseled on safety measures and given information on how to contact law enforcement agencies. She was given the same referrals. Again, I do not believe that she followed-up.

During both stays, Ms. Monroe had contact with Mr. Monroe. She called him several times. He picked her up and drove her home. Outwardly, he seemed like a nice guy. A lot of them do.

Ms. Monroe attempted to come to the shelter sometime in late January 2011. At that time, she was refused entry because she had a pistol in her possession. It was a silver revolver. She would not give up the weapon. We have a strict policy of not allowing weapons at the shelter.

I last saw Kim Monroe shortly before her release on bail. I met with her at the county correctional facility. I was somewhat surprised to see that Ms. Monroe did not have as much remorse as I would have expected. In fact, she was oddly more confident than I had ever seen her before. I can't say she was gloating, she just seemed content.

During our discussion, Ms. Monroe kept reiterating that "he got what was coming to him. Did he think I wouldn't find out? He can't hurt me any more!!"

When I tried to discuss the shooting and its moral implications, she became very agitated and started yelling. She blamed us for failing to help her in the past and for not following up with counseling or preventative measures. She ended her tirade with a personal attack on me stating that I “had never done right by anybody.” At that time I left knowing I could not be of any help. I subsequently referred her to Dr. Pat Bergan to see if he/she could make any headway on the issues.

Six months after the killing, we were served with a civil lawsuit blaming us for Kim killing her husband. His Estate is seeking \$4 million in damages. Our liability insurance policy is only for \$1 million. I am worried that the shelter may have to close if the lawsuit is successful.