

September 19, 2016

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Melissanne Velyvis who I believe to be a victim of domestic violence.

Since our purchase of the home adjacent to the residence of Mr. Velyvis in 2013 my entire family, including two young boys, have witnessed almost daily verbal assaults by John Velyvis on Melissanne Velyvis. Most times, the only way to cease Mr. Velyvis's screaming was to call the police. All adjacent neighbors have called the police numerous times. The one-sided yelling is so loud that we are often awakened by it in the middle of the night. My children have been brought to tears by the abuse and are afraid to even walk in front of the Velyvis home if John's car is present. On two separate occasions they witnessed him savagely beat his dog, punching him with full force repeatedly over and over until the dog whimpers and cries. This obviously was very traumatic for my boys.

On one particular occasion my wife, Alina Stauffer, and I heard Mrs. Velyvis scream "HELP, HELP, HELP!". When we intervened Ms. Velyvis was distraught and in tears and fearing for her safety. Mr. Velyvis told me to "mind my fucking business". The police were called but Ms. Velyvis was too frightened to have him arrested. We've heard John call his wife a "demon bitch from hell", screaming at her that no one will ever believe her because he is a "Fucking Christian" and "she's nothing". During each of these episodes we are able to hear Melissanne attempt to calm John, reminding him that it is harmful for him to be screaming while his children are in the home. Within the last month, we heard Mr. Velyvis screaming that there would be hell to pay for her "Making" him verbally abuse her.

Living next to this pattern of abuse has been toxic and traumatic for my family. I can only imagine how living under that kind of abuse has traumatized Melissanne. I hope this letter will help to bring clarity to the situation.

Sincerely yours,

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