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Alleged offender turns himself in to police following Martindale shooting

CALGARY – Early Monday morning, August 20, Calgary Police Service was called to a home in the northeast community of Martindale in response to a domestic related shooting. There, they discovered a 58-year-old woman who had been shot three times, allegedly by her estranged common law partner, Nihad Abdullah Ibrahim.

Less than two weeks ago, on Aug. 7, there was a previous domestic incident between the couple, and the suspect was charged. As part of his release conditions, police issued a no contact order. Five days later; Ibrahim was arrested for breaching those conditions by entering the victim's home.

"Monday's shooting is an unfortunate situation, and one from which we hope to learn a valuable lesson," says Kevin McNichol, Executive Director, HomeFront. "Domestic violence is never an isolated incident and as a community, it is our responsibility to help those we know involved in these relationships. Help is out there and it is vital that we encourage people to use the resources available for them."

Just before mid-day on August 21, Ibrahim turned himself in to police.

"I'm glad that he took responsibility and turned himself in. Now we can start to develop some closure for the victim in this case."

Members of the Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (CDVC) believe this case is yet another example of the prevalence of domestic violence in the community. Research shows that 62 per cent of Calgarians have experienced family violence and abuse or know someone who has. In 2011, police responded to 16,000 domestic violence related calls.

The woman remains in hospital in stable condition.

CDVC encourages Calgarians who are experiencing domestic violence, or who know of someone in need of help, to reach out and connect with the numerous agencies that are available 24 hours a day:

Connect Family & Sexual Abuse Network	(403) 237-5888 (Toll Free: 1-877-237-5888)
24-hour Family Violence Helpline	(403) 234-SAFE (7233)
Family Violence Information Line	310-1818 (Toll Free)
Distress Centre	(403) 266-HELP (4357)

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Lorrie Lancaster, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter: (403) 213-5166

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CDVC works with community partners to provide a coordinated response to violence prevention in Calgary. We strongly believe that increasing public awareness, providing education, and working to improve legislation can assist in prevention.

CDVC defines domestic violence as the attempt, act or intent of someone within a relationship – where the relationship is characterized by intimacy, dependency or trust, to intimidate either by threat or by the use of physical force on another person or property. The purpose of the abuse is to control and or exploit through neglect, intimidation, inducement of fear or by inflicting pain. Abusive behavior can take many forms including: verbal, physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, spiritual, and economic; as well as the violation of rights. All forms of abusive behavior are ways in which one human being is trying to have control and/or exploit or have power over another.



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Peer Support Services for Abused Women, Discovery House, Brenda Strafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary
United Way of Calgary and Area, CONNECT Family and Sexual Abuse Network, Calgary and Area Child and Family Services, Alberta Child and Youth Services
HomeFront, Community Action Committee, Alberta Employment and Immigration, Alberta Mental Health, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, YWCA of Calgary, YWCA
Banff, Brenda Strafford Society, Youville Recovery Residence for Women, Aventa Addiction Treatment for Women, Servants Anonymous Society
Sonshine Community Services, Awo Taan Healing Lodge, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, Community Crisis Society of Strathmore: Wheatlands Shelter, Rowan House Emergency Shelters, Calgary Communities
Against Sexual Violence, Kerby Centre, Chinese Community Response to Family Violence, Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens' Association, Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary,
Jewish Family Service Calgary, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Calgary and Area Chapter, Legal Aid Alberta, Calgary Legal Guidance
Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, Edan Counseling Associates, Calgary Counseling Centre, Distress Centre, Calgary Police Services, Community Corrections and Release Programs Branch, Alberta
Solicitor General, Calgary Sexual Health Centre, Developmental Disabilities Resources Centre of Calgary, AIDS Calgary Awareness Association
Women's Centre of Calgary