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## **Woman Suffers from Gunshot Wounds by Husband in Martindale Calgary – Domestic Violence can be Stopped**

**CALGARY** – A 59 year old woman was shot three times by her estranged common law partner last night. Neighbours called 911 after being alerted by the victim. The woman is now hospitalized in stable condition.

Allegedly, an argument occurred shortly before the 53 year old man decided to attempt murder. Prior to this attack the man was ordered not to have contact by Calgary Police with the victim due to a domestic conflict incident on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The man was arrested a week later, August 12<sup>th</sup>, for entering the woman's home and therefore violating the order.

Domestic violence situations often end tragically. There are various signs of abusive behaviour such as extreme jealousy, controlling behaviour, unpredictable mood swings, cruelty towards animals, and unrealistic expectations. Domestic abuse is not just physical but can also be sexual, emotional, spiritual, financial, verbal and psychological. There are many community resources available for those experiencing abuse.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, please call the following 24-hour help phone numbers:

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)

If you suspect someone is a victim of domestic abuse please call one of the above numbers for assistance. Severe cases like the Martindale shooting can be prevented if intervention occurs early.

The Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (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.

Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (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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Banff, Brenda Strafford Society, Youville Recovery Residence for Women, Aventa Addiction Treatment for Women, Servants Anonymous Society  
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