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“OPENING STATEMENT: prosecutor”

May it please the court, and the opposing counsel. My name is and I am the prosecutor of this court. I also represent for the people of Yorktown. These people deserve to be aware of what's right and what's right is that Mrs. Vazquez should be in prison for murder in the second degree.

On September 24, 2004 Mrs. Vasquez stabbed her own husband and because of this he is now dead. When the authorities arrived the male child led Officer Francis to the kitchen, where the crime was committed. The paramedics discover that the victim of this murder was stabbed nine times.

The officer who saw this tragedy will be one of our witnesses in this trial today.

A few other witnesses I should mention would be Mellissa Jenkins whom is the shelter owner that Karin stayed in. Her sister whom Mrs. Vasques said nagged too much, and because of something this small Mrs. Vasques was foolish enough to not stay there. Finally the defendant; Mrs. Vasquez, will be our witness for today also.

This case is yet still undisputed that Mrs. Vasquez did truly mean to commit this crime. However the dispute isn't weather she killed her husband. Anything I say or do cant change for the fact that Orlando is not here with us today. The true dispute of this court is weather she has Battered Woman Syndrome or BWS or short. To conclude this argument the question would be what did exactly happen the day of the incident. Better yet what happened before it?

Let's go way back until when Karin went to the shelter on sometime of December 2003.

When Melissa saw Karin she said that she was different from the rest of her clients. She did not appear lonely, insecure, or have any low esteem.

Instead she appeared to be more angry then terrified. Mrs. Vasquez was welcome to stay, however there was a time limit of four days. There wasn't much space at the shelter. Melissa has appointed another place for Karin but Mrs. Vasquez pleaded for her to stay a bit longer. Melissa asked her if she had any other relative to stay at. Karin told her about her sister but that she constantly nagged her.

How is nagging such a harsh situation?
Now a life of a husband is gone because of nagging?

Mrs. Vasquez even said herself that she would rather not call for help.

How would she not rather call for help if her children's life is supposedly on the line?

The morning Karin was supposed to leave Melissa claimed that she acted quite funny, funny as in happy?

Once she got Karin to say what she had too she told Melissa that she talked to Orlando and he said "everything is all right".

Melissa tried to talk her out of it but she insisted also told her things were going to be different, and that this time, she was not going to let Orlando put his hand on me again. "Besides Orlando never actually tried to kill me-he just got a little out of control at times".

This part of the evidence in Mellissa affidavit will show that Mrs. Vasquez pre-meditated before she committed the crime.

Now what would Karin mean by "things would be different this time"

Why would she contradict herself in saying that Orlando never really did kill her when she constantly insisted that he did?

On the day of the murder when giving her husband dinner she pulled out a knife slowly and stabbed him with all her strength and stabbed him again, and again and again.

Once the authorities arrived, a male child, Kevin, who is the son on Karin, led him to the kitchen where Orlando Vasquez died. The officer said he saw Mrs. Vasquez clothed in a blood stained night gown. Also the knife was still placed in the chest of the husband.

Both the night gown and the knife will be used as evidence that she committed this crime in this trial today

Mrs. Vasquez told nothing about being beaten to the officer and only saw a few bruises on her face nothing critical when she claims that her beating was critical. She clearly explains her beating in her affidavit.

Conclusion:

Your honor, we submit that the evidence will show clearly that Karin Vasquez did truly commit this crime.

She should be sentenced to prison charged with murder. Justice should be served and I believe it will be.

But of course this decision would not be up to me but up to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury, and most of all, the judge.

Make that decision, make our society a safe one, and put those who commit crimes into their place no matter what excuse they have. Thank you.