



Supplemental Materials for

How judges in Canadian criminal courts define intimate partner violence

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Listing of Supplemental Material(s):

- Coding Guide

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Value		Label
Case name		
Year		
Court #		
Province	1	AB
	2	SK
	3	MB
Court Level	1	Provincial Trial Court: ABPC, MBPC, SKPC
	2	Provincial Superior/Supreme Court/King's Bench: ABQB, MBQB, SKQ
Case Level	1	Pre-Trial Hearing (continuation of trial)
	2	Sentencing Hearing
	3	Trial (guilty/not guilty)
	4	Voir-dire (admissibility of evidence)
Judges Name		Judge's last name
Plea (sentencing decision)	0	Accused did not testify
	1	Not guilty
	2	Guilty
	3	Not applicable (e.g., not a trial: sentencing, pre-trial)
Dangerous offender application included?	1	yes
	0	no

Long-term offender application included?	1	yes
	0	no
Verdict (only if went to trial)		
	1 - acquittal (not guilty of all charges)	
	2 - conviction of everything	
	3 - conviction of subset of charges (ex. guilty for 1/3 of accused for)	
	4 - conviction of lesser charge (ex. guilty of a lesser sentence, SA 2)	
	5 - dismissed	
	6 - n/a cases that didn't go to trial)	
Charge	1	265 Assault
	2	267 Assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm
	3	268 Aggravated assault
	4	269 Unlawfully causing bodily harm
	5	246 Strangulation (overcoming resistance)
	6	244, 244.1, 244.2 Discharging firearm with intent
	7	279 Kidnapping
	8	279.01 Trafficking in persons
	9	279.1 Hostage taking

	10	271 Sexual assault
	11	272 Sexual assault with a weapon, threats to a third party or causing bodily harm
	12	273 Aggravated sexual assault
	13	162.1 Publication of an intimate image without consent
	14	222 Homicide
	15	239 Attempt to commit murder
	16	219 Criminal negligence
	17	423 Intimidation
	18	264 Criminal harassment
	19	87 Pointing a firearm
	20	264.1 Uttering threats
	21	175 Disturbing the peace (causing disturbance, indecent exhibition, loitering, etc.)
	22	430 Mischief
	23	322 Theft
	24	354 Possession of property obtained by crime
	25	333.1 Motor vehicle theft
	26	348 Breaking and entering
	27	145 Escape, failure to attend, failure to comply, etc.
	28	447.2 Breach of Order
	29	433 Arson
	30	236 Manslaughter

	31	Other charge
Witnessed childhood IPV as a mitigating factor	1	yes
	0	no
Witnessed childhood IPV as an aggravating factor	1	yes
	0	no
Other behaviours (personal interpretation of judge's decision)	1	yes
	0	no
	1	Physical violence
	2	Sexual violence
	3	Psychological or emotional violence/ abuse
	4	Threatening, intimidation
	5	Stalking, harassment
	6	Economic or financial abuse
	7	Coercive controlling behaviors
	8	Isolation
	9	Spiritual abuse
	10	Threats to harm others (children, animals, family)
	11	Threats to take children away
	12	Other? (Add text description)
Reference to IPV case law	1	Yes (Include case law)
	0	No

Victim's Sex	1	Woman
	2	Man
	3	Other
Second Victim's Sex	0	No second victim
	1	Woman
	2	Man
	3	Other
Victim Type	1	Intimate partner (IP)
	2	IP + Child (under 18)
	3	IP + Other.adult (over 18)
Second Victim Type	0	No second victim
	1	Intimate partner (IP)
	2	IP + Child (under 18)
	3	IP + Other.adult (over 18)
Age of Primary Victim		Leave blank if not discussed
Age of Second Victim		Leave blank if not discussed/no second victim
Sex of Defendant	1	Woman
	2	Male
	3	Other
Age of Defendant		Leave blank if not discussed
IPV Primary Victim Testify in person	0	No
	1	Yes

Other Physical Evidence (anything that isn't testimony)	1	Yes-mentioned/discussed that other evidence was available (e.g., finger prints, DNA, tire tracks)
	0	No
Divorce Act Reference	1	Yes-the judge references the Divorce Act
	0	No
Divorce Act Referenced Section	1	Violent or threatening behaviour
	2	Pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour
	3	Behaviour that causes that other family member to fear for their own safety or for that of another person
	4	Child, direct or indirect exposure to such conduct
	5	(a) physical abuse, including forced confinement but excluding the use of reasonable force to protect themselves or another person;
	6	(b) sexual abuse;
	7	(c) threats to kill or cause bodily harm to any person;
	8	(d) harassment, including stalking;
	9	(e) the failure to provide the necessaries of life;
	10	(f) psychological abuse;
	11	(g) financial abuse;
	12	(h) threats to kill or harm an animal or damage property; and
	13	(i) the killing or harming of an animal or the damaging of property”

Abuse Perpetrator Ordered to Take Programming	1	Yes
	0	No
Relationship Length (between abuser & victim)	0	Not reported
	1	One instance (e.g., "one night stand")
	2	Brief (<1 month)
	3	"dating"
	4	Anything longer (e.g., married/common law, parent, family member, roommate, etc.)