

## Basic Training – Rebecca Smith Narrative

31 years old

One prior child from a previous relationship: Timmy, 5. Rebecca and Robert have one child together: Johnny, 2.

Moved in with Robert Thompson 3 years ago in Salt Lake City apartment

Robert has worked on and off as a construction worker. He has been unemployed for the last 6 months.

Robert has had a drinking problem since Rebecca has known him, and his drinking has gotten worse lately

He comes home drunk about half of the time

Rebecca works for Target as a retail fashion specialist. She has an associate's degree from a community college.

Rebecca does not drink or do drugs and she has never been arrested.

Robert does not get along with Rebecca's family and he has forbidden Rebecca from having any contact with them all except Rebecca's mother, Tammy Smith.

Robert provides most of the day care for Rebecca's two boys.

Rebecca thinks Robert is too strict with her boys, especially Timmy, and she worries about Robert babysitting them – but she has to work to pay all the family bills.

The last few months, Robert has been slowly selling items from around the house, she thinks he may be using drugs and he is drinking more heavily than ever

Last month Robert sold the washer and dryer and now the family laundry has to be done at a laundromat

Robert began abusing Rebecca emotionally and physically about a month after they began living together

The police have been called out seven times – all after 911 calls had been made by neighbors – except this last call, which Rebecca made herself. Most of the incidents involve Robert picking a fight over something with Rebecca, and there is so much screaming that the neighbors become

concerned for her safety. The physical abuse involves frequent incidents of the following: punching, slapping, locking her in a closet, choking her, threatening her with a knife.

Only one incident resulted in charges being filed against Robert, and he entered into a plea in abeyance. He was required to do domestic violence counseling, which he did complete.

Rebecca has gotten a protective order against Robert twice, but each time the protective orders were dismissed within a few weeks of the date they were issued.

Rebecca has had injuries numerous times, but never to her face. Robert always told her "It's not abuse unless I punch you in the face."

Rebecca only confides in her mother, and she does not tell her mother everything that happens with Robert because she does not want to upset her mother.

Robert has told Rebecca: "If you ever call the cops on me, you and your little brat are going to die, Bitch."

Neighbors and family members and co-workers have noticed injuries on Rebecca, but she always makes up an excuse like "I fell down the stairs" or "I walked into a door."

Rebecca's son Timmy is having problems at preschool – he is often put in Time Out because he is punching other kids or taking their toys.