

Common Charges in Relationship Abuse Cases

Uttering threats

It is a criminal offence to utter a threat to kill or seriously harm another person, to destroy another person's personal property or to injure or kill an animal or bird belonging to another person.

Assault

When someone touches another person, directly or indirectly, without that person's consent it is an assault. It is also an assault when the person attempts or threatens to touch another person. This is a criminal offence, whether or not the victim has any physical injuries.

Criminal harassment

Making threats against a person, if it causes that other person to be fearful for his/her safety.