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Domestic violence is a terrible thing. It affects the victim, the perpetrator, family and friends. Unfortunately, many people believe that it is a crime against women exclusively. That is simply not the case. I am living proof that men are also victims.

It took more than 3 years for my case to finally reach a conclusion, even though Marcy's law specifically states that victims of domestic crime are also entitled to a speedy trial. If I had not agreed to the Plea bargain that my wife accepted, more than likely we would still be waiting for a future date for a trial and yet another delay due to some sort of an excuse from the defense.

There is no doubt in my mind, that if I had been the aggressor and not the victim; my case would have been heard much sooner.

I am here in front of you today to emphasize that male spouses can also be victims of domestic violence, but in some cases, men are afraid to talk for fear of ridicule or for fear of being labeled as some sort of freak or a wimp.

Virginia's crime was horrific and I am still under therapy as a result of what she did to me. Let's hope it never happens again to anyone else and that the public and the judicial system accept the fact that domestic violence does have men as victims and that they also require assistance and justice.