

**Lethality Profile:**  
**Law Enforcement, Factors to Look For**  
(Provided by Dr. Mary A. Duryee)

- Threats of homicide or suicide.
  - This means, do not ignore letters to the Court; statements to others
- Fantasies of homicide or suicide.
- Weapons available, especially guns.
- “Ownership” attitude re: the battered partner.
- Centrality of the partner in batterer's mind. (Obsessive focus)
- Stalking
- Separation violence.
- Depression. (Sense of having nothing to lose.)
- Access to partner/family.
- Repeated calls to police. (Long history of law enforcement contact)
- Escalation of risk-taking on part of batterer.
- History of any hostage-taking.