

## Debra&John LWS 9 Part 1

### What was making Debra scared of John? What did she fear for?



#### 1. Listen to Michael R. O'Neil and answer the questions \_\_\_\_\_:

- 1) What do you have to show in order to get a domestic violence restrain order in the judicial system in family law?
- 2) Why did Court deny a restraining order?

#### 2. Listen and join the collocations \_\_\_\_\_

to apply for a	dollar amount
she would save	Henderson house
could get John	and buy some time
accept a certain	permanent restraining order
he looked like	the subject
she broached	with something
he wept and said	he'd aged a decade
to fix the	on legal fees
to keep him occupied	to settle
just come up	he was dying of cancer

#### 3. *"You have completely vitiated that, one hundred per cent."* – What do you think this means? Listen and report back the gist. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 4. Listen and put the snippets in order \_\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_ Two days later, the car was discovered in front of a business a block away. It reeked of gas and there was fire damage to the seat and doors; and there was gas can in the car.

\_\_\_\_ And it showed him come back about an hour later wearing gloves and a painter's uniform.

\_\_\_\_ Around 1pm on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, she got there to find her blue sport model 2015 Jaguar XF was missing from the lot. A \$64000 car.

\_\_\_\_ It was June 2016. Debra was living out of hotels, working out of hotels, checking in under the names of her assistants. Wearing a dark wig to conceal her blond hair, now and then she snuck into her office in Irvine.

\_\_\_\_ Police talked to John who admitted that he had taken the car that Saturday but insisted that he had done so with Debra's permission and that had returned it unharmed.

\_\_\_\_ Whoever had attempted to torch the car, had done an inept job: the windows were rolled up and the doors were closed – the fire had extinguished itself for lack of oxygen.

\_\_\_\_ This was not a full admission of guilt, but a stupid thing to say – it put a man who lived out of state at the scene.

\_\_\_\_ Grainy surveillance footage showed John in jeans crouched behind the bushes watching the car, waiting that Saturday morning.

**5. Find in the transcript above words matching following definitions:**

had a strong unpleasant smell – \_\_\_\_\_

to set fire to – to \_\_\_\_\_

incompetent, unskilled (adj) – \_\_\_\_\_

caused (a fire or light) to cease to burn or shine – \_\_\_\_\_

not clear because of many dots (adj) – \_\_\_\_\_

the act of agreeing that something is true – \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Listen and read \_\_\_\_\_. Find in the transcript a) all legal terms and translate them; b) explain the meanings of the words 'a pound' and 'impounded' in this context.**

Jacquelyn Newell was living with her mother, Debra, at the Carlyle Apartments in Irvine near the airport. They were afraid of Debra's estranged husband, John. They kept waiting for police to charge him with lighting Debra's car on fire, but two months had passed and there had been no arrest, no restraining order.



Debra had cut John off from her money. She wasn't taking his calls or texts. She and her kids were looking after John's golden retriever, Murphy, which he'd left at a pound and Debra had the Buick Enclave he'd been using, which had been impounded after he ran it into a gate. John had



been staying in Henderson, Nevada, but nobody knew for sure when he might appear here in Irvine. Jacquelyn felt he was watching them.

**Jacquelyn Newell:** He didn't have a car, he didn't have his dog, and he was just spiraling out of control. He didn't really have much to live for. He didn't have anything live for.

### 7. Listen and fill the gaps with verb forms (1-3 words)

Around 11:30 on the night of Friday, August 19, 2016, Jacquelyn was returning from dinner with a friend. They \_\_\_\_\_ to the front of the complex when she saw John in a car in the dark, waiting.

**Jacquelyn:** I could see his face from the reflection of his cellphone and instantly when I \_\_\_\_\_, we saw each other. We \_\_\_\_\_ eyes and he \_\_\_\_\_ his head and I said, "That's him, that's him," and the driver didn't know what I was talking about for a moment, and I said, "Follow him." John's headlights were off and he sped past the light when he realized that we were behind him. He went straight and made a right hand turn onto the freeway.

**Christopher:** John had \_\_\_\_\_ or removed the lights on his rental car as if to improve his ability to move furtively in the dark. Jacquelyn thinks John was there to kill her or her mom, that he'd been hoping to catch one of them alone, an easy target, and the presence of her male friends \_\_\_\_\_ John off. But now Jacquelyn feared he would go after her younger sister, Terra, who lived a few miles away in Newport Beach.

### 8. Listen and mark the statements T or F \_\_\_\_\_

1. Debra tells she was skeptical of her daughter's account about seeing John. She thought Jacquelyn had an overactive imagination.    T    F
2. Jacquelyn says she circled her sister's apartment complex over and over that night. She went to check her sister's apartment door, and she knocked, but nobody answered.    T    F
3. Jacquelyn tried the lock until she heard Terra's cat's little bell come to the door and how the cat kind of rub his little body against the door.    T    F
4. Terra's miniature Australian shepherd, Cash, didn't even growl.    T    F
5. Jacquelyn says she was up until 5:30 AM, slept for half-hour and called Terra at 6:00 AM.    T    F
6. She said, "John's in the area. Please be careful. I saw him last night, he had the lights off to the car, I followed him. He was in a white Camry."    T    F
7. Jacquelyn thought that Terra hadn't taken it that day as seriously as Jacquelyn had.    T    F
8. But in the dark, Jacquelyn had misidentified the car John was driving.    T    F

## 9. Listen, complete and retell the gist \_\_\_\_\_



Terra Newell was 25. Descriptions of her almost always included the word *sweet*. Her voice was so soft that 1) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and ask her to repeat her order.

As a kid, she was usually the smallest one on the recess yard and so

uncompetitive in softball games that 2) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jacquelyn:** 3) \_\_\_\_\_. Yeah, that would describe her perfectly.

**Christopher:** So the classic wouldn't-hurt-a-fly personality?

**Jacquelyn:** Yeah, she wouldn't. Something that wasn't 4) \_\_\_\_\_, no way.

She's 5) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Christopher:** Terra was a child of affluent Orange County suburbs, but she adored country music and she liked the songs about 6) \_\_\_\_\_, 7) \_\_\_\_\_, and 8) \_\_\_\_\_.

Like the company of dogs, music 9) \_\_\_\_\_.

For years, Terra had lived with a 10) \_\_\_\_\_.

When she was around six, she woke up screaming, convinced that someone had climbed through her bedroom window to try and snatch her. She says the intruder dropped her and disappeared out the window. Her parents didn't call police. Her mother thought maybe it was a dream, the function of Terra's distress over what was happening in the house. Her parents were fighting a lot and soon her dad left the house for good. Terra had frequent nightmares at that age. She'd see dark shapes and become convinced they were ghosts or aliens. Over the years, she says she wondered whether she was a little crazy. In therapy, she questioned whether the abduction memory was a real one, but became convinced it had actually happened.

When she was a teenager, a guy she'd been dating 11) \_\_\_\_\_ and rammed a car into her leg.

She says he was on meth. She got a tattoo on her foot that said "Psalms 23, The Lord is my shepherd," with a heart she'd seen in a Taylor Swift video.

Early on, Terra sensed John was dangerous. She 12) \_\_\_\_\_ at a Christmas gathering, saying, "There's just something wrong about him. I don't like him," trying to convince people. But not everyone 13) \_\_\_\_\_.

For the longest time, 14) \_\_\_\_\_.



## 10. Listen and answer the questions \_\_\_\_\_:

- 1) Why could John follow Terra or probably see where she parked?
- 2) “*The Walking Dead* was a reservoir of survival techniques, like biting, as demonstrated in the season 4 finale when a character escapes a tight spot by opening a bad guy's jugular with his teeth.” – What is “jugular”?

## 11. Drop each proper name into the correct place, listen and check \_\_\_\_\_

Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Terra

Rebel Run

Newport Beach

French

\_\_\_\_\_ was working in \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, a dog kennel. A man called with what sounded like a \_\_\_\_\_ accent. The man made it sound like they had met at some point and wanted to know if she would be working tomorrow. He wanted to bring in his \_\_\_\_\_ for her to groom.



She didn't recognize the voice or remember having met him or think too much about the fact that most of the grooming requests came from women, not men. She told the stranger her work schedule. Yes, she would be there tomorrow till about 5:00 PM.

## 12. Listen and put the lines in order \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ She hosed out the cages and the concrete dog runs. For this reason, and this is an important detail, she wore rain boots.

\_\_\_\_ The next morning was Saturday, August 20, 2016, and Jacquelyn called to warn her about John being in town.

\_\_\_\_ It would be a good idea to keep her pocket knife handy, her sister said.

\_\_\_\_ Cash, the miniature Australian shepherd, was in the backseat. It was still full daylight.

\_\_\_\_ That morning at the dog kennel, she greeted the labs and terriers and Dobermans and poodle mixes.

\_\_\_\_ She had bought two \$100 lawn seat tickets to see one of her favorite country stars, Jason Aldean, and was bringing a girlfriend.

\_\_\_\_ She unlocked the cages. She carried the big bag of dried high protein pellets between the cages and filled the bowls.

\_\_\_\_ The French-sounding guy who was supposed to bring in his Rhodesian Ridgebacks never showed, but she didn't think much of it. She was distracted, preoccupied by the concert at Irvine Meadows that night.

\_\_\_\_ She left work in her Toyota Prius just after 5:00 PM for the 3-mile drive home.

### 13. Listen \_\_\_\_\_. Retell what you've got.

#### Why are the pictures of the cars here?

Dodge Dart



Toyota Camry



#### Listen again and read, check yourself.

There was someone backed up into a parking spot. It was a Dodge Dart, I believe, and there was a man fidgeting in the back. I saw him with a tire iron and my dog started to growl and bark at him, but I kind of thought it was a homeless man, just like living in his car and going through his stuff, so I just parked into my spot and I parked face forward. And we don't have assigned parking, but I park in the same spot every single day.

#### Now you can watch a video by Jason Aldean