

# FROM ARREST TO TRIAL IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Alleged Assault



RCMP

- Investigation
- Arrest + Release under Protective Conditions
- Report to Crown Counsel (recommendation of charges)



Specialized Victim Services

- Criminal Justice System info and liason
- Court Orientation
- Emotional Support
- Crisis Intervention
- Referrals given
- Court Accompaniment
- Victim Impact Statement
- Crime Victim Assistance Application



CROWN COUNSEL

- Will make the decision to proceed to trial based on:
  - Substantial likelihood of conviction
  - Best interest of public



Charges NOT approved  
- file is closed



Charges Approved  
- swearing of information



Accused Pleads NOT Guilty



Accused Pleads Guilty



TRIAL  
- testifying



Sentencing  
- Victim Impact Statement



Guilty  
- Proven beyond a reasonable doubt



Acquittal  
- Not Found Guilty



Sentencing  
- Victim Impact Statement