

HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

We are committed to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer community.

December 2016



Christmas for most of us is a time of festive cheer, family get togethers, too much food, recalling old memories and making new ones. And so it should be.

Nevertheless, those get togethers can also be an oppressed, troublesome time and, indeed, a dreaded event for many families.

Every year police forces and social work teams around the country are alerted to increasing domestic violence around Christmas and New Year's. The number of police call outs to break up family arguments, violence and domestic abuse spike dramatically during the festive period. May we keep all those families in our thoughts and prayers this Christmas.

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant.

1 Corinthians 13:4

'When I Realized That One of Us Was Going To Die, I Knew I Needed To Leave'

Melissa Jeltsen Senior Editor, The Huffington Post

It's the question every survivor of domestic violence is posed, often incredulously: *Why didn't you just leave?* The reality is that leaving an abusive relationship is often a herculean task that endangers the woman and calls for resources that aren't readily available.

In June, after The Huffington Post [ran an investigative report](#) on a woman allegedly murdered by her boyfriend, we received an outpouring of responses from domestic violence survivors who wanted to explain why they had stayed with their abusers. We spent the next three months interviewing these women. While they offered hundreds of reasons, ranging from the logistical to the deeply personal, some common themes emerged: Fear. Love. Family. Money. Shame. Isolation.

In this series, you will hear from six survivors of domestic violence about why they didn't leave sooner. The stories — told in their own words — are as distinct as they are similar. One woman suffered a brutal week of abuse before fleeing. Others stayed for decades trying to make things work. Two women were shot, the bullets narrowly missing their hearts. Another endured years of incessant stalking.

These stories include descriptions of extreme violence and sexual assault and may be distressing for some readers.

Click link to view videos ['Why Didn't You Just Leave?' Six Domestic Violence Survivors Explain Why It's Never That Simple](#)



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Domestic Violence Homicides in North Carolina - 2016

January 1 - December 12, 2016 (61 Murders)

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.
Zephaniah 3:17

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other [abusive behavior](#) as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically; however, the one constant component of domestic violence is one partner's consistent efforts to maintain [power and control](#) over the other.

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Please help and call
Hyde County Hotline at 252-542-2502.



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for financial support.

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and Survivors of Domestic Abuse**
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**Your support of Hyde County Hotline enables us to
continue serving victims and survivors in our
communities.**
Thank You!

Please call for more information at [252-925-2502](tel:252-925-2502)

Hyde County Hotline offers support group for victims and
survivors of domestic abuse and sexual victimization.
Domestic abuse support group is offered 1st and 3rd weeks of each
month.
Sexual assault support group is offered 2nd and 4th weeks of each
month.



OUR MISSION:

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

**HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE
24 HOUR CRISIS LINE
[252-925-2500](tel:252-925-2500)**