

December 7, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

My name is Patricia A. Clark. I was married to David Michael Clark (Legal name), a.k.a. Michael D. Clark or Mike D. Clark for 39 years. Throughout our marriage he has threatened to kill me and the kids; we have 2. Our children are grown now with children of their own. We've run many times because of the threats against us, but I always believed him that he would change and I would go back.

He has a CWP and carries a firearm. He also has 3 Assault and Battery Reports complaints against him. On August 26th he threatened to hurt me because I couldn't figure out how to send some pictures he requested to one of his former co-workers. I was not familiar with his phone and was afraid I would delete them. I handed him back his phone and started to cut grass. He stopped me and accused me of not trying and if I ever did that again he would kill me. I waited for him to walk away, parked the mower, ran in got a change of clothes for work and left in the truck. I stayed at my dad's for 2 days, worked and came home on the 3rd, the 29th. He came in 2 hours later and told me I could not stay there. I told him it was my house also. He grabbed me and pushed me backwards through 3 rooms, I grabbed the kitchen counter to keep from falling. This cut my hand and somehow I had a bruise above my right eye. He had so much rage that his face was blank. He said "I might not kill you today, I might not kill you tomorrow, but one day I will kill you".

The Anderson County Sheriffs Dept. was called. They instructed me to go to a safe place and they would go before the judge and he would place a warrant against him since I was injured. The deputy called the next morning and told me the judge said I didn't have enough injuries and highly suggested I get an Order of Protection, which I did. The judge checked the last sheet that said he is not to possess any firearms. He gave his rifles to our son and they are locked in a gun safe.

However, he has a CWP and carries a pistol everywhere he goes. That piece of paper to protect me will not stop a bullet. He was given back all of his guns last week by Anderson County Deputies because he didn't tell the deputies his legal name and they wouldn't listen to my son when he tried to tell them his Mom had a Order of Protection against him. He was furious because he couldn't go deer hunting. He has a short fuse and a fiery temper. He will kill me one day; I believe this because of that CWP and now he has the weapons and a opportunity. Why get a Order of Protection when the Sheriffs Department gives him what a judge told him not to do?

Sincerely,
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