

At Blumenthal Law Offices our experienced, litigation-focused attorneys handle a broad range of criminal cases. We pursue the best possible outcome for every client, whether that means preventing the DA from filing charges, negotiating a favorable plea bargain, or asserting and protecting the client's constitutional rights through a jury trial. Here are some examples of the types of outcomes that our efforts have secured for past clients.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

### **People v. Justin V.**

Justin was a deputy sheriff who was arrested for an alleged domestic violence incident with his then-girlfriend. The investigation conducted by his own department was extremely biased against him and ignored evidence that called into question the girlfriend's credibility. With his career at stake, we presented Justin's defense at a jury trial in which he was charged with Felony Domestic Violence and Inflicting Great Bodily Injury. He was found Not Guilty of the charges filed against him by the jury, and the case was dismissed. (Tried by Attorney Virginia M. Blumenthal.)

### **People v. Tamara C.**

Tamara was arrested for domestic violence after an argument with her ex-husband escalated to a violent confrontation. Both parties alleged that the other struck first, and, as is all too common, the first person to contact the police became the "victim" in the case. Our investigation exposed the "victim's" anger over Tamara's new relationship, which was exploited during his testimony at trial to undermine his credibility. The jury saw through the lies and the incomplete investigation and found Tamara Not Guilty. (Tried by Attorney Jeff Moore.)

### **People v. Chris B.**

Chris allegedly had a bit of an anger management issue. On this particular occasion he and his wife began to argue in front of their young daughter. When his wife pushed one too many of his buttons he pushed her into the wall, causing her to hit her head and collapse to the floor. He then jumped on top of her and began to strangle her. She was able to get free and grab her phone to call 911. He took her phone, then threatened to kill himself if she called the police. She called the police. He didn't kill himself. Instead, he holed up in the house, finally surrendering to the police after three hours. At least, all of that was the story the police got from his wife that night. She later admitted that she'd lied and exaggerated about Chris and the incident to the police. We were able to convince the prosecution to drop the felony charges on the eve of trial. Chris was able to resolve his matter for a plea to a misdemeanor (non-domestic) assault charge.

### **People v. Jeremy K.**

Jeremy was an active-duty sergeant in the Marine Corps. After nearly 20 years of service, including multiple combat deployments, he was suffering from increasingly severe PTSD. As the effects worsened, he began to self-medicate with alcohol. His depression, PTSD and drinking led to increased tensions between him and his girlfriend. Finally, one night when he had passed out drunk on the couch, his girlfriend took their child and went to a friend's house for safety.

When Jeremy awoke and realized that they were gone he spiraled out of control. After grabbing a gun he headed to the friend's house, calling ahead to let them know that he was coming for them. Once at the friend's house, he was confronted by his girlfriend and a family dog. According to his girlfriend, Jeremy threatened both her and the dog with the gun. The police arrived and defused the situation before any violence occurred. Jeremy was arrested and charged with multiple violent felonies, exposing him well over 20 years in state prison.

Working together with our highly motivated client, we helped Jeremy identify programs that he could participate in to demonstrate that he recognized the severity of the issues that led to his behavior. With the client doing his part, we went to work to do our part. Over the strong objection of the Riverside County District Attorney and Probation, we were able to convince the Veterans Court to see Jeremy's potential and look past the severity of the conduct. After months of maneuvering, Jeremy was admitted to the Veterans Court, becoming one of the most serious cases to ever be accepted. Once he has completed the process, Jeremy will have earned a dismissal of all charges. It is important to note that the Veterans Court process is extremely intensive and demanding of its participants. While we are justifiably proud of our role in helping Jeremy gain admission to the program, it is Jeremy who has put in the work, focus and dedication needed to meet its exacting standards.

**People v. Todd P.**

Todd was arrested for felony assault and domestic violence after an altercation with his girlfriend. Facing the loss of his career with a felony conviction, Todd was reluctant to take his chances in front of a jury. We were able to negotiate a misdemeanor resolution which allowed Todd to continue in his career and serve no time in jail.

**People v. Sam H.**

Sam was an Army veteran who was arrested for domestic battery after a minor scuffle with his girlfriend. We were able to get Sam into the Military Diversion program (a program within the larger Veterans Court umbrella). Instead of suffering a conviction for a crime of domestic violence, Sam's case was dismissed after he completed the ordered terms of diversion.