

Cheektowaga Police Department
Supporting Deposition

State of New York
County of Erie
Town of Cheektowaga

Date: 03 October 2022
Time: 1334 hours
CD#: 22-244871

STATEMENT OF: Keaira Bennefeld

I, Keaira Bennefeld, state and depose that I am 30 years of age and I reside at 56 Barbara Place Lower Apartment. My phone number is 997-5636. On September 28th 2022 at approximately 8:30 I got home from a night out celebrating my friend's birthday and I saw my daughter on the front porch waiting by herself for the bus. I asked my daughter what was wrong because she was crying and she said that my husband Adam Bennefeld had whooped her for something about her shoe. I waited with her until the bus came and then I went in to the house. I attempted to ask my husband Adam why he whooped her and why she was by herself and that is when he immediately started punching me with a closed fist. Adam hit me anywhere he could all over my body. I was kicking at him to try to get him to stop hitting me and at some point, we ended up on the floor. Adam continued punching me in my arms because I was blocking my face and head. Adam tried to pin me down and I was able to wiggle myself free and I ended up on my stomach. Adam then started hitting me on my back and sides. I was screaming for help the whole time. Adam told me to "shut the fuck up" and that he was going to kill me. I stopped yelling and he locked the front door and grabbed my phone. Adam went through my phone and then he came back over to me and kicked me about four times in stomach and chest area. Adam then looked through my phone again and put it down. Adam then walked to the back room and came back. Then Adam grabbed my legs and told me to take my pants off. I tried to kick him off and he was grabbing at my pants trying to take them off. Adam was able to get my button undone and broke the zipper to my jeans. Adam was then able to take my pants down to about my knees and he stuck his hand in my vagina. I was screaming for Rachel who is Adam's sister. She lives in the upper apartment. I heard Rachel coming down the stairs and Adam saw her coming. Adam answered the door for Rachel and he told her that he was not done with me and that I was not going anywhere. Adam also told Rachel that I was not getting out of there alive. Rachel leaves to call the police and Adam then went into the kitchen and grabs a tray with several knives on it. He had the knives covered with a towel and then he removed the towel. Adam picked up a knife and started pacing. Adam then put that knife down and picked up another one. He then put that down and picked up a box cutter. Adam picked up a butcher knife and a steak knife prior to the box cutter but I don't remember what order. I was talking to him at that point trying to calm him down because I was fearful for my life. I thought I was going to die. Adam eventually started to cut himself on the wrist with the box cutter. His mother showed up and started banging on the window and then he went to the bathroom and shut the door. A short time later the police arrived. I think

Adam is capable of killing me and Adam prevented me from calling 911 and leaving that day.

I give this statement to Detective Michael Strlejewski of the Cheektowaga Police Department without having received any threats or promises from any member of the Cheektowaga Police Department regarding this matter. I give this statement of my own free will. I swear that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Note: False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Signed by the person giving the statement: Kelicia Bonefield

Witness: [Signature]

Witness: _____

Date and Time Ended: 03 October 2022, 1402 hours