

Threats can lead to violence if left alone

DEAR ABBY: I can't stop thinking about the letter from the girl whose boyfriend threatened to kill her parents if she breaks up with him.

When my cousin was 14, her parents forced her to break up with a boy who was too old for her. His solution was to shoot her and himself. She survived but was left a paraplegic.

Your advice to that girl was right



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on. You advised her to tell her parents immediately. That way, they can take the necessary precautions. The girl should not assume that her own life is safe. Logic has nothing to do with obsession, and that boy is clearly obsessed. — CONCERNED IN CANTON, GA.

DEAR CONCERNED: When I printed that letter, I thought it was unusual. To my dismay, I have a bushel of mail and e-mail on my

desk that proves otherwise. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Anonymous in Fort Myers, Fla." was correct. When I was a teen, my best friend was also dating a controlling guy her parents weren't too sure about. He raped her, but she stayed with him anyway.

When she became pregnant, he beat her almost to death. She lost the baby and very nearly her life. Please let that girl know how important it is for that guy to be out of her and her family's lives. — LORI IN FORT BELVOIR, VA.

DEAR LORI: You're right. If the young man would threaten the lives of her parents because he wasn't getting his way, it doesn't take a

large leap of logic to conclude that at some point, he could turn on her. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Lifelong sufferers of domestic violence often begin that sad journey as teenagers, tolerating violent behavior from boyfriends. The boy in that letter isn't the only one who has mental problems. So does the girl. If her first serious relationship is with a boy as psychotic as that one and her problems are not addressed, she will continue to think that kind of behavior is normal. — LONGTIME READER IN KANSAS

DEAR LONGTIME READER: Good point. Furthermore, the girl's first priority must be to protect her family.

DEAR ABBY: I was 17 when I tried to break off with a jealous and controlling boy like that one. He hinted that our house would not be safe, but I told no one. If I had turned him in, many lives would have turned out better.

About 10 years later, my mom saw him on television in a jail interview. He had raped more than 50 young women.

"Anonymous" should also tell her school counselor and the police about his threats in case his anger turns toward her. His parents also need to be told so they can get him the help he needs. — SAN DIEGO READER

DEAR READER: I agree with

that.

DEAR ABBY: I was in her shoes between the ages of 16 and 18. My boyfriend told me if I didn't move in with him, he'd kill my parents. So I moved in. It was pure hell. He broke my wrist, cracked my ribs, bruised me frequently. For the rest of my life, I'll have scars as painful daily reminders.

She cannot change him. He may say he'd never hurt her, but she should listen to the threats he is already making. She must get him out of her life. I learned this firsthand. My former boyfriend is now in prison for killing his 9-month-old daughter. — STILL RECOVERING IN OHIO

TUESDAY EVENING										E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone										FEB. 3, 2004												
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30																				
36	53	A&E	Biography: Sal Mineo: Forgotten Rebel		Cold Case Files Connecting a man to the murders of 49 prostitutes and other women. (N) [E]				Third Watch "Transformed" [E] [E]			Biography: Sal Mineo: Forgotten Rebel																				
4	6	ABC	According to Jim [E]	I'm With Her "Pilot"	According to Jim [E]	Less Than Perfect [E]	Line of Fire "The Senator" (N) [E] [E]		News [E]	(:35) Nightline [E]	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E] [E]																					
26	48	ANPL	Dog Show "AKC Eukanuba National Championship"						From Long Beach, Calif.		Dog Show "AKC Eukanuba National Championship" From Long Beach, Calif.																					
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		Keen Eddie "The Amazing Larry Dunn" [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]		West Wing "Inauguration" [E]		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]																					
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "My Other Left Foot" (N) [E]		Guardian "The Father-Daughter Dance" [E]		Judging Amy "Sins of the Father" (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) Late Show [E]	(:37) Late Show																					
24	50	DISC	Jamu: The Orphaned Leopard [E]		Death Defying Escapes [E]		Justice Files "Take the Money and Run" [E]		New Detectives: Forensic Science		Reasonable Doubt (N)																					
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	★ ★ ★ "The Color of Friendship" (2000, Drama) Carl Lumbly, Penny Johnson. [E]																							
49	81	E!TV	Whitney & Bobby: The E!		True Hollywood Story		Mariah Carey: THS		Howard S.	Howard S.	Celebrities Uncensored																					
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball Kentucky at Florida. (Live) [E]		(Live) [E]		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Outside		Gamenight																			
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		NBA Fastbreak Tuesday		(Live) [E]		NFL Live		Gonzaga	Fastbreak	Basketball																			
32	46	FAM	★ ★ "For Richer or Poorer" (1997) Tim Allen, Kirstie Alley.						Who? [E]		700 Club [E]		Funniest Home Videos																			
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies [E]		In Shape [E]		Workout [E]		Fitness [E]		Peak Performance (N) [E]		Bodies [E]		In Shape [E]		Workout [E]		Fitness [E]													
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★ ★ "Delicious" (1931) Janet Gaynor.						(:01) ★ ★ "Big Trouble in Little China" (1986)		"The Razor's Edge"																					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Southern Breakfast"		Roker on the Road [E]		Foodnation [E]		Food Finds [E]		Amer. Festivals [E]		Unwrapped [E]	Good Eats [E]		Emeril Live "Southern Breakfast"																
13	7	FOX	American Idol Performers arrive in Hollywood.		24 "Day 3: Midnight - 1:00AM" (N) [E]		Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "Marathon" [E]		Kojak "Dead Again"																					
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... [E]		Married... [E]		Cops [E]		★ ★ ★ "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia.																					
30	55	FXSP	FOX One [E]	Avalanche [E]	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]																			
5	14	HBO	★ ★ ★ "The Fugitive" (1993, Drama) Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones. [E]		PG-13 [E]		(:15) ★ ★ "Steel" (1997) Shaquille O'Neal. An armor-clad superhero battles a former colleague. [E]		★ "Half Past Dead" (2002) Steven Seagal. [E]																							
62	67	HGTV	Outer [E]	Sensible [E]	Decorating [E]	Design [E]	Designers' [E]	Designers' [E]	Home [E]	Design [E]	Outer [E]	Sensible [E]																				
58	52	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives [E]		Tactical to Practical [E]		Modern Marvels "Torture Devices" [E]		Ghost Ships [E]		Deep Sea Detectives [E]																					
25	35	IND	★ ★ ★ "G.I. Jane" (1997) (PA) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen. A woman undergoes the rigors of Navy SEALs training. [E]						(:40) ★ ★ "Fire Birds" (1990, Adventure) (PA) Nicolas Cage. [E]		(:10) ★ ★ ★ "G.I. Jane" (1997) (PA) Demi Moore. [E]																					
18	63	LIFE	Nanny [E]	Nanny [E]	★ ★ "Family Blessings" (1999) Lynda Carter. [E]		Golden [E]		Golden [E]		Nanny [E]	Nanny [E]																				
23	77	MTV	MTV Cribs		Rock n Jock [E]		Direct Effect [E]		MTV Special [E]		Real World [E]		Real World [E]																			
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. Tonight [E]	Whoopi (N) [E]	Happy Family (N) [E]	Frasier (N) [E]	(:31) Scrubs (N) [E]	(8:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) Tonight Show (N) [E]	(:37) Late Night (N) [E]																			
8	8	NBC	Whoopi (N) [E]	Happy Family (N) [E]	Frasier (N) [E]	(:31) Scrubs (N) [E]	(7:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) [E]		Roseanne [E]		Roseanne [E]	Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]																			
34	43	NICK	Oddparents Sabrina		Full House [E]		Full House [E]		Cosby [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Cosby [E]																				
2	2	PBS	Nova "Dogs and More Dogs" (N) [E] (DVS)		America: Beyond the Color Line Whether Memphis, Birmingham and Atlanta have changed. (N) [E]						As Time Goes By [E]		That's My Boy [E]		Charlie Rose (N) [E]																	
38	83	SCFI	Beyond Belief [E]		★ ★ "Dune" (1984) Kyle MacLachlan. A duke's son rallies a planet against its oppressors. [E]																											
61	41	SPK	Real TV [E]	Real TV [E]	Cheers [E]	Cheers [E]	Star Trek: Next Gener. [E]		Star Trek: Next Gener. [E]		Oblivious [E]		Oblivious [E]																			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep [E]		In a Fix A woman does not finish projects. (N) [E]		Rides "Fast Forward Fast Back" [E]		Rides "Rods" Lexus with a V8 engine. (N) [E]																					
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E] (DVS)		Law & Order [E] (DVS)		Charmed [E]		Angel "Inside Out" [E]		X-Files "Tithonus" [E]																					
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy [E]		Made [E]		Made [E]		Kings of the Road [E]		Food Crazy [E]		Made [E]																			
21	82	TVLND	Burnett [E]		All-Family [E]		Sanford [E]		Bewitched [E]		Family Ties [E]		Cheers [E]	Sanford [E]																		
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia [E]		Te Amaré en Silencio [E]		Casos de la Vida Real [E]		Impacto [E]		Noticiero [E]		En las Mejores Familias [E]																			
20	34	USA	Law & Order [E]		★ ★ "Next Friday" (2000) [E]						Ice Cube. [E] (DVS)		Law & Order [E]		Karen Sisco [E]																	
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond [E]	Gilmore Girls "A Family Matter" (N) [E]		One Tree Hill (N) [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]		Will & Grace [E]																			
99	36	WGN	★ ★ ★ "Black Rain" (1989) Michael Douglas. [E]						News [E]		Becker [E]		Eliminate [E]		5th Wheel [E]																	

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