

Man urged to press charges against fiancée

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée, "Monique," has put me into financial ruin. It's all because of this girl she has been hanging around with, "Tracy." Monique's friends have warned her to stay away from Tracy because she's bad news.

Abby, the two of them have been kiting money. Monique has also forged my name on my own checks, and sold my personal items — things



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left to me by my grandparents. For years, people have urged me to press charges.

Monique and I have two children, 3 and 2. I spoke to a lawyer and I will have no problem getting full custody. Monique is on one year's probation and has to pay restitution because she stole from her employer. She is American; we live in Canada. With all the stuff that's happening, Monique

may have to leave the country.

Monique's parents have told me I should press charges. She has abandoned our kids while I was at work. Children's Aid got involved, and I didn't know the kids had been taken from us until I got home from work. Luckily, we got them back.

Monique wasn't like this until she met Tracy. Should I press charges, or should I just say goodbye, take the kids and go my way? A mutual friend says Monique told her that if I do that, she will forget the kids, and find a new guy and have kids with him. — STRESSED OUT IN CANADA

DEAR STRESSED OUT: I'm glad you wrote and I'm pleased to help end your ambivalence. Listen to your

common sense as well as to what Monique's parents are urging you to do. Protect yourself and the kids. Press charges. Tracy is not responsible for your fiancée's behavior. Your fiancée appears to have no conscience. Jail time won't help her mend her ways, but it will slow her down and make it more difficult for her to take advantage of her next victim.

DEAR ABBY: Last week, we invited a couple for dinner this week. Two days before the party, I called to confirm the time and they said they'd be here.

On the evening of the dinner, they showed up two hours late without even a phone call. They said the hus-

band had to work late. Neither of them offered an apology. We had tried twice to contact them before we finally decided to go ahead and eat. They seemed offended that we did.

Were we wrong to assume they weren't coming? If you haven't heard otherwise, how long should you wait for guests before eating without them? — TIRED TO WAITING IN VIRGINIA

DEAR TIRED OF WAITING: You were not wrong to assume that your guests were no-shows and to have eaten dinner. That they failed to call and inform you that they had been delayed was rude. Thirty minutes is long enough to wait for tardy guests — or less if there's danger the meal

will be overcooked.

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful wife, "Doreen," turned 41 a couple of months ago. Since then she has had extra piercings in her ears and has taken to wearing thumb rings, toe rings and ankle bracelets. Yesterday she pierced her navel. I am embarrassed for her. We have a 13-year-old daughter who is also embarrassed for her. How do I tell Doreen she looks silly? — NOT SO HIP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NOT SO HIP: Your wife's fetish brings new meaning to the term "heavy metal." It shouldn't be necessary to give her a lecture. Just walk in carrying a powerful magnet. That should send a message.

SATURDAY EVENING						E= Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		DEC. 18, 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	Cold Case Files A woman implicates her brother and cousin in a murder. [E]				City Confidential (N) [E]		The First 48 [E]		Cold Case Files [E]	
4	6	ABC	★★★ "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton. White and black football players overcome their prejudice. [E]				News [E]		(35) Seinfeld [E]		(05) Entertainment Tonight The latest news.	
26	48	ANPL	Up Close and Dangerous Wildlife filmmakers' most hair-raising encounters. (N)				The Jeff Corwin Experience Behind the scenes.		Up Close and Dangerous Wildlife filmmakers' most hair-raising encounters.			
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston. 'R' [E]				★★★ "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston. 'R' [E]				★★★ "Brokedown Palace" (1999) 'PG-13'	
7	11	CBS	College Basketball Wichita State at Tulsa. (Live)				48 Hours Mystery "Prime Suspects" (N) [E]		News [E]		Drew Carey	Drew Carey Drew Carey
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod [E]		American Casino Bikini show; large party. [E]		Great Biker Build-Off Old-style drag bike. [E]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner [E]		Laci Peterson: Search for Justice [E]	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Braceface [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Phil of the Future [E]	That's So Raven [E]	★★★ "Johnny Tsunami" (1999, Drama) Brandon Baker, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa. [E]			
49	81	EITV	Sexy, Single		Best of Anna Nicole		Saturday Night Live [E]		Heir [E]		Howard S.	Howard S.
22	56	ESPN	NFL		NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons. (Live) [E]				SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Basketball	
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball Mississippi State at Xavier.				College Basketball Oklahoma State at UNLV. [E]		Fastbreak		NFL Live	
32	46	FAM	"Snow" (2004) Tom Cavanagh. [E]				"Snow" (2004) Tom Cavanagh. [E]				3rd Rock 3rd Rock	
59	-	FIT TV	Fitness		Enduring Extremes [E]		Enduring Extremes [E]		Fitness Fitness		Enduring Extremes [E]	
35	31	FMC	(01) ★★★ "Wabash Avenue" (1950, Musical)				(01) ★★★ "Moon Over Miami" (1941, Musical)				"Down Argentine Way"	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Potluck recipes. (N)		Top 5: Holiday Hits Tasty holiday traditions.		Iron Chef: Holiday Strawberry Battle		Unwrapped Top 5 (N)		Emeril Live Potluck recipes.	
13	7	FOX	NFL Football		Cops [E]		America's Most Wanted [E]		She Spies "You Don't Know Jack" Brainwash.		LAPD: Life on the Beat	
40	38	FX	King of Hill		King of Hill		★★ "Big Momma's House" (2000) Nia Long		★★ "Black Knight" (2001) Martin Lawrence.			
30	55	FXSP	Wm. Basketball		College Basketball Colorado State at Colorado.		Rocky Mt. Sports List		Rocky Mt. Football			
5	14	HBO	03 From Gold [E]		Boxing Glen Johnson vs. Antonio Taver. (Live) [E]				★★ "Chasing Liberty" (2004) Mandy Moore. 'PG-13' [E]			
62	67	HGTV	Mission	Decorating	Designer	Designers' Design	Design	Smart	Home	Mission	Decorating	
58	52	HIST	★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe. Premiere. Jack Ryan battles Colombian drug lords and villainous feds. [E]				Movies in Time		Organized Crime		★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994)	
25	35	IND	★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Ian McNeice. [E]				★★ "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. [E]		(45) ★★★ "The Cable Guy" (1996, Comedy) Jim Carrey. [E]			
18	63	LIFE	(5:30) ★★ "1st to Die" (2003, Suspense) Tracy Pollan, Gil Bellows. [E]				Missing [E]		★★★ "The Beach" [E]			
23	77	MTV	Bam		Boiling Boiling		End of 2004 Countdown (N) [E]					
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight The latest news. (N) [E]		★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. [E]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Conscience" [E]		News [E]		Saturday Night Live	
8	8	NBC	★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. [E]				Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Conscience" [E]		News		Saturday Night Live Robert DeNiro; Destiny's Child. (N) [E]	
34	43	NICK	Grown Up		Romeo! [E]		All That [E]		Amanda			
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up		As Time Goes By		The Lawrence Welk Show		Baxter Black		Red Green	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "The Frighteners" "Puppet Master vs. Demonic Toys" (2004) [E]				★★★ "Curse of the Puppet Master" (1998) [E]					
61	41	SPK	"Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" [E]				Real TV [E]		Most Amazing Videos		★★★ "Red Scorpion" (1989) Dolph Lundgren.	
39	51	TLC	In a Fix "Aquaworld: A Sparky Story"		While You Were Out Living room.		What Not to Wear Laura gets wardrobe help. [E]		Trading Spaces Music lovers redecorate. (N)		The Best of Trading Spaces Highlights. (N)	
28	37	TNT	★★★ "Hard to Kill" (1990)		Steven Seagal. [E]		★★★ "On Deadly Ground" (1994) Steven Seagal.		★★★ "The Specialist"			
51	86	TRAV	Kings of the Road		Weird Travels [E]		Ends of the Earth		Kings of the Road		Weird Travels [E]	
21	82	TVLND	Munsters		GreenAcre		Griffith Leave		Sanford All-Family			
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante				Impacto		Noticiero		Otro Rollo	
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Salute-Travolta	
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody-Raymond		"Christmas at Water's Edge" (2004, Drama) Keshia Knight Pulliam, Tom Bosley.		News [E]		(45) Sports Replay	
99	36	WGN	Becker [E]		NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls. (Live) [E]		WGN News		Feed the Children		Smokey	

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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	Murder on the Tracks		Growing Up Gotti		Airline (N)	Airline (N)	Crossing Jordan "Wild Card"		Murder on the Tracks	
4	6	ABC	TV Guide: Greatest Moments 2004 (N)		NFL Football New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins. From Pro Player Stadium in Miami. (Live)		Penguins		News		(:35) Night-line	
26	48	ANPL	Pet Star (N)		Growing Up... "Penguin" Penguin chick. (N)		Animal Cops Detroit Neglected dogs.		Pet Star		Growing Up... "Penguin" Penguin chick.	
63	54	BRAVO	The West Wing "Six Meetings Before Lunch"		The West Wing "Let Bartlet Be Bartlet"		The West Wing "Mandatory Minutims"		The West Wing "We Killed Yamamoto"		The West Wing "Posse Comitatus"	
7	11	CBS	Still Standing	Listen Up	Everybody-Raymond	Two and a Half Men	CSI: Miami "Murder in a Flash"		News	(:35) Late Show	Show Bill Murray	The Late Late Show
24	50	DISC	American Chopper "Mikey/Vinnie Bike 1"		American Chopper Mikey gets sent home.		Monster Nation		Monster House "Christmas House Revisited"		Monster Garage "Wheelie Santa Float"	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible	The Proud Family	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	★★ "Inspector Gadget 2" (2003) French Stewart. Premiere.		"Inspector Gadget 2"	
49	81	EITV	Sexy, Single		Entertainer of the Year		Heir	Heir	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live	
22	56	ESPN	Countdown		"3" (2004, Biography) Barry Pepper.		3 Nation		SportsCenter (Live)			
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		Billiards: Pool		Billiards: Pool		Billiards: Pool		Fastbreak NFL Great	
32	46	FAM	★★ "Three Days" (2001) Kristin Davis.		Who's? Who's?		Who's? Who's?		The 700 Club		Fam. Mat. Fam. Mat.	
59	-	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls (N)		Extremists		Extremists		Ten Years Younger		FitTV's Housecalls	
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "Anna and the King of Siam" (1946, Drama)		(:31) Hour of Stars		Rememb		Iron Chef Challenger Mitsuru Saito.		Emeril Live "Winter Treats"	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Winter Treats"		Unwrapped (N)		The Secret Life Of...		Amer. Festivals			
13	7	FOX	The Swan The winning contestants compete in a pageant to see who will be crowned "The Swan."		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Bob Newhart		Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	
40	38	FX	(:5:00) "Nine Months"		Fear Factor		King of Hill		King of Hill		★★★ "Twins" (1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)		Rocky Mt. FSN Amer Sports List		Championship Poker		Best Damn Sports Show		Rocky Mt. I, Max	
5	14	HBO	(:5:30) ★ "Anaconda" (1997) Jennifer Lopez.		(:15) ★★★ "D3: The Mighty Ducks" (1996, Comedy) Emilio Estevez. [PG]		★★★ "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe.		R		H	
62	67	HGTV	Homes Sensible		Decorating Designers'		Design Design		House House		Homes Sensible	
58	52	HIST	Battlefield Detectives (N)		Battlefield Detectives (N)		Investigating History		Conspiracy? "CIA and the Nazis"		Battlefield Detectives	
25	35	IND	Friends	(:35) Friends	(:15) Friends Monica sings karaoke.		(7:55) Friends	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	(:25) Seinfeld	(9:55) Seinfeld	"Demolition Man" (PA)
18	63	LIFE	"I'll Be Home"		The Angel Doll" (2000)		Keith Carradine.		How Clean How Clean		The Nanny Golden	
23	77	MTV	TRL		Nick & Jessica		Real World		Real World		Challenge Challenge	
3	9	NBC	News		Fear Factor "Siblings"		Las Vegas "Hellraisers and Heartbreakers"		Las Vegas "Degas Away With It"		News	
8	8	NBC	Fear Factor "Siblings"		Las Vegas "Hellraisers and Heartbreakers"		Las Vegas "Degas Away With It"		News		(:35) The Tonight Show	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob Grown Up		Family Faceoff		Fresh Pr. Cosby		Roseanne Roseanne		Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.	
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow "San Diego"		American Experience "Miss America the history of the Miss America contest.		ABC (DVS)		BBC World News		May to December	
38	83	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		★★ "The Uninvited" (1996) Sharon Lawrence.			
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		WWE Raw	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep "Jonesing for Organization"		In a Fix "Martial Ave" Fixing up a garage.		Best of What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear Updating Kelly's style.	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (DVS)		Law & Order (DVS)		Law & Order (DVS)		Without a Trace		NYPD Blue	
51	86	TRAV	Dreaming Big		Homes Homes		Home Home		Dreaming Big		Homes Homes	
21	82	TVLND	Munsters		GreenAcre		Griffith Leave		Sanford All-Family		3's Co.	
60	89	UNIV	Rubi		Amor Real		Cristina		Impacto		Noticiero	
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		★★ "Collateral Damage" (2002) Arnold Schwarzenegger.		★★ "The Order" (2001)					
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	7th Heaven "The Song of Lucy"		Everwood "The Birds & the Batteries"		News		Friends	
99	36	WGN	★★★ "March of the Wooden Soldiers" (1934)		WGN News at Nine		Becker		Becker		Home Delivery	