Follow-up Questions in Domestic Violence

Victim's current injury status

New bruising (photograph)

Did the victim seek medical treatment (sign a medical release)

Did the victim or someone take photos of these or prior injuries?

(Obtain photos and document who, when and where taken)

Is the suspect contacting the victim?

Apologies or threats?

Recorded messages from the suspect (obtain)

Caller ID noted?

Phone calls from the jail. (obtain)

Text or e mail messages to the victim. (Print or photograph)

Has the suspect mailed / left the victim any letters? (Obtain)

Has the victim visited the suspect in jail?

Were there any witnesses not listed in the original report? (Interview)

Did the victim do anything to defend themselves?

History - Prior Incidents

Describe the first incident

Describe the last incident

Describe the most serious incident

Describe any incident that occurred on a special occasion

Describe any incidents that required medical attention

Describe any incidents involving weapons

Describe any incidents out of town (any prior reports?)

Obtain secondary phone numbers and addresses to later locate the victim.

Confirm the victim and suspects ID.

Anything the victim would like to talk about that has not been covered