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| <p>Sarah is married to Steve. He works for himself as a building contractor. Sarah works part time in the local supermarket and has one child in nursery and one in primary school who is diagnosed as autistic.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> | <p>Steve has been arrested for a violent offence and remanded in custody. Neither Steve nor Sarah have had any contact with the CJS before.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> |
| <p>The local paper publish details of the offence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> | <p>Steve does not telephone Sarah for 72 hours. Sarah has no idea where he is or how to contact him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> |
| <p>Steve is in custody a 1 hour drive from their family home. Sarah takes the day off work on a Saturday morning, leaves the children with a friend and visits Steve for the first time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> | <p>The nursery staff ask to speak to Sarah as her son has bitten another child in the nursery and his behaviour has become more disruptive.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> |
| <p>Steve does not want Sarah to bring the children into the prison, but the children have been asking repeatedly where their father is – Sarah has told them he is working away.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> | <p>Steve has not rung Sarah for 4 days – she is worried about him. She is unsure how to find out if he is ok.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> |
| <p>Steve rings Sarah after 5 days and asks whether she can send more money into his account.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> | <p>Sarah cuts down her shifts at the supermarket so that she can visit Steve every Saturday. She cannot make visits during the week as the children need to be picked up from school.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> |
| <p>Sarah receives a notice that their house is in rent arrears. The house is in Steve’s name.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> | <p>Sarah persuades Steve that the children would benefit from seeing him. The children attend their first visit, the oldest child becomes distressed while waiting to go through security – he does not like confined spaces and the picture he has drawn for his father has been taken off him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> |
| <p>Sarah’s oldest child starts to wet the bed regularly and cry out at night. Sarah shares her concerns on the phone to Steve but he is upset with Sarah as she did not answer his phone call the previous evening.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> | <p>Steve is sentenced to a 4 year custodial sentence. Sarah writes to Steve and says that their relationship is over.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> |