

State of New York
County of Kings

Affidavit

I, Beata, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I was born on 19, 1970, in the city of, Ukraine.

2. Our family, including my younger sister Yanna, immigrated to the United States of America in December of 1979. I am now a United States citizen.

3. I currently reside in the United States at, Apt., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11239. My telephone number is 718/.....

4. I am making this affidavit in support of the application for permanent resident status of my friend Svetlana

5. I first met Svetlana before she married Jerry, when she was using her maiden name, Svetlana I will call her Sveta, because almost everyone call her that. I met Sveta in a Russian food store, in Queens, N.Y., in the summer of 1998, shortly after her arrival in New York City. At that time, she did not know many people, nor did she know the City, so I was helping her to get to know the area better. We quickly became good friends and spent a lot of time together.

6. Before long, Sveta met Jerry; a few months later, she and Jerry were married. At the beginning of their marriage, Jerry treated Sveta well, but after three or four months he changed completely. After he changed, it would not be wrong to call him evil. Not only Jerry, but also Jerry's father, Vito, treated

Sveta very badly. Jerry's father refused to talk with Sveta and made her feel unwelcome. This happened because Sveta would protest to Jerry and his father about their always going out together, partying and drinking, and leaving her alone. Sveta told me why she did not go drinking with them: both Jerry and his father would become uncivilized when drunk; Jerry's father, although married, would make lewd remarks to women and Jerry would just encourage this vulgar behavior. This kind of carousing and abandonment of Sveta happened not only on weekends but on weeknights as well. Jerry would often come back from these outings in an unpleasant state of mind, either drunk or high, and his behavior would be obnoxious: he would be verbally aggressive with people, including Sveta, and sometimes he was even physically violent with Sveta.

7. As sad as the above account is, Jerry's abusiveness with Sveta actually got worse and worse every month. For a while we believed Jerry that was just smoking marijuana but then Sveta discovered a white powder and a razor blade on their dining room table, at which point she realized that Jerry was also using cocaine. After this discovery, which made Sveta realize how terrible Jerry's drug problem must be, she confronted Jerry, and he confirmed the extensive use of these drugs. Not only that, he revealed to Sveta for the first time that, before marrying her, he had been admitted on several different occasions to a drug rehabilitation facility.

8. Jerry frequently assaulted Sveta verbally, and even struck her physically at times, in front of company (myself included). He maintained that he had a right to do so because Sveta was his wife and a wife is supposed to do whatever her husband wants her to do. I particularly remember one such incident of abuse. A number of Sveta's friends, myself included, were at the home of Sveta and Jerry, waiting to go out to celebrate Sveta's 21st birthday. While we friends waited in the living room, Jerry and Sveta were dressing and getting ready. Before long we heard a loud argument in the kitchen. We went into

the kitchen just as Jerry struck Sveta hard in the face. Her lip and nose started to bleed. Sveta was very shaken and was struggling with her feelings; when Jerry left the kitchen, she burst into tears and told me she was feeling dizzy. But she was so afraid of further annoying Jerry that she refused to allow us to take her to the hospital.

Beata

Sworn to before me this
day of September, 2002

Notary Public