APPENDIX A.4

Phase D Criminal Investigations

PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING EXERCISE

PBLE #4: Domestic Dispute

Weeks 12-14

You are working with your partner on the afternoon shift when you receive a call regarding noise from a loud argument and crying children coming from an apartment in your patrol area. The neighbor who called in the complaint lives above the apartment where the disturbance is occurring. The dispatcher tells you that this is the fourth call of a similar nature in the past six weeks. No arrests were made at those calls, but the husband and the wife have both been cautioned regarding the consequences of domestic assault.

Upon arrival at the scene, you hear a child screaming inside and the sound of a struggle in progress. The husband answers the door and you see that both he and his wife have facial cuts. He moves into the kitchen and begins to yell at his wife. Each accuses the other of assault. Two children, aged five and three, are in the living room and both are crying. The apartment is dirty and there is garbage strewn throughout the apartment. As you are speaking to the wife, she advises you that she wants her husband arrested for assault. She also informs you that she would like him arrested for the marijuana he has in his drawer in the bedroom. The husband denies he has any drugs in the house.

See <u>Volume 2: Training Workbook: Phase D</u> for complete PBLE instructions.

See <u>Appendix C</u> for Sample PBLE Completion Form. The Training Workbook contains completion forms for each exercise (1–4).