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### **Thurman vs. Torrington**

The case is about domestic violence between a husband and a wife. Tracy Thurman, a victim of extreme levels since she had to heal wounds that her husband had stabbed her. She had contacted the Torrington police offices to protect her from his husband Charles Thurman, who had been violating her rights by physically threatening her for eight months. However, the police department ignored her request to be protected from violence despite her efforts to reach out until Charles Thurman stabbed her in the face, back, and neck, then throwing their child on top of the mother (Barner & Carney, 2011). Fortunately, Tracy Thurman did not die and she claims police violated her right to equal protection. She raised a claim to have the Torrington police held liable for failing to protect her after asking them out numerous times. Tracy Thurman was paid \$2.3million as compensation after violating her right by the Torrington police department.

Protective and restraining order are divorce laws defined to serve different purposes of serving domestic violence in a home. The protective order is a domestic violence interdict law that tells the victim that they are protected from the abuser visiting them or living under the same roof (Hayes, 2020). The chances of being abused by a person who has done it before are high. On the other hand, a restraining order serves the same task by holding the abuser away from their family to ensure that they are well and safe. The two orders serve the victim from more harm to also build peace of mind for them.

### **Consanguinity and Affinity**

Consanguinity is a phrase that means people who are involved in domestic violence and have blood relations. For instance, one may be subjected to a restraining order under consanguinity, meaning that the parties involved are related by blood. However, affinity is a relation between the two parties but is not related by blood (O'Sullivan, 2019). For instance, one

may be subjected to a protective order based on affinity relations that are not by blood but kinship.

### **Protective Orders**

There exists several types of protective orders which are given to guard domestic violence victims. An emergency protective order is granted upon request of a victim, a guardian, peace officer, or a district attorney in Texas. The court's emergency protective orders are usually valid for 90 days and not less than 60 days (Hayes, 2020). They also require the arrest of a suspect upon issuance. Permanent protective orders are usually issued for a period not exceeding two years, mostly issued if sexual assault is involved. Also, when sexual assault is involved, a protective order is usually valid for a lifetime. Where a case is involved, the suspects are usually not involved, but their legal practitioners and lawyers, in particular, represent them. \

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