

TIME LINE-Vincent Poirier, Shijima Hirasawa, Emilie Hirasawa Poirier

March 2010	We meet and begin dating.
May 2010	I see Shijima drunk for the first time. She is abusive and violent to me
June 2010	Shijima gets pregnant, I am the father.
11 September 2010	I meet her family.
End September 2010	We decide to get married, Shijima moves in with me.
28 October 2010	We get married.
9 February 2011	Our daughter Emilie is born.
11 March 2011	The earthquake hits Japan. Shijima is very strongly affected.
June/July 2011	We visit Canada. Shijima and Emilie meet my family.
August 2011	Shijima begins drinking in secret.
September 2011	Our fights get more serious. Note: Up until this point, we had been having what I consider normal arguments. -We had one bad fight on father's day, and many little arguments here and there.
<u>September 2011</u>	On one occasion, I arrived home and find the house dark. I though Shijima and my daughter were out. In fact I found Emilie lying on the floor asleep (I almost stepped on her). I could not at first find my wife, but I then found her in the bathroom, drunk and unconscious.
Oct/Nov 2011	Our fights and Shijima's drinking get worse.
10 Dec 2011 Saturday 10PM to 1AM (see police report)	a) Shijima gets extremely drunk and we fight. Shijima assaults me repeatedly even though I am holding our daughter. b) Shijima collapses on the floor, cries very strongly. c) I call her sister and give the phone to Shijima. d) Shijima calms down, but as soon as the call is over she becomes violent again. e) I call the police. f) My sister in law phones back to tell me she is coming over. It is about 10: g) A policeman arrives, I think from Mejiro station. He agrees to stay until Akitsu and her husband get to our place.He comforts my wife who is crying again. h) Akitsu phones again and I hand over the phone to the policeman. At this point, I called Shijima the "b-word". I don't really remember, but I do remember I was very upset, and I finally felt safe enough (with a policeman here and my sister-in-law on her way) to let myself show anger. i) Akitsu arrives, the policeman leaves. j) Akitsu suggests taking Shijima and Emilie to her home overnight. I agree and

	they leave.
11 December 2011	Shijima returns to our home in the evening with Emilie.
27 December 2011	Shijima goes to visit her parents overnight. This was not unusual.
28 December 2011	Shijima phones me in the morning to tell me she is not coming back home. I talk with my brother on the phone.
30 December 2011	I meet with Shijima, her sister & husband, and her father in a Shinjuku restaurant. They basically tell me that there will be a separation. <u>I do not agree, but I cannot do anything.</u>
7 January 2012	I announce the separation to my parents.
8 January 2012	I sent an email to close friends to announce our separation. I meet Shijima and Emilie for an hour at a McDonalds near Kyodo station. The meeting goes well.
15 January 2012	We meet again. This time it does not go well. For good reasons, I conclude the separation is permanent. I get emotional, we argue. The meeting ends badly (I am in tears). I write a second email with details about Shijima's problems but I send it only to Shijima, in a bcc. The emails are attached.
28 January 2012	I spend 6 hours with my daughter.
9 February 2012	I request a copy of the report for my 110 call on 10 December 2011.
11 February 2012	Shijima tells me she wants a divorce and has arranged for a mediation hearing on March 16th.
22 February 2012	I receive the notice that report is ready and I schedule to pick up the report in person.
28 February 2012	<u>I pick up the police report. It clearly states that on 10 December 2011, my wife was drunk and assaulted me.</u>
1 March 2012	I ask for another visit with Emilie, this time without a go-between and for a full weekend, i.e.Sat morning to Sunday evening. Shijima refuses, despite having already agreed to "respect my right as a father".
16 March 2012	First mediation.
17 March 2012	We divorce.