

Crime/Law - Upper Level

Husband, wife shoot each other in counseling

Fresno, California - A husband and wife pulled guns on each other and shot it out at church during a marriage counseling session after he arrived late drinking a beer. Both were wounded. With a beer in one hand and a gun in the other, Michael Martin shot his wife Wednesday as she tried to walk out of the meeting at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, their counselor said Thursday. A bleeding Bonnie Martin pulled a pistol from her purse and shot her husband in the shoulder.

The two took the gun battle outside, where Mrs. Martin collapsed and was fired on again. Martin allegedly hit his wife at least once more before he ran out of bullets. Martin was treated at a hospital and released; Mrs. Martin was in serious condition Thursday.

Vocabulary Check

pulled guns

marriage counseling session

cathedral

took the battle outside

allegedly

hit

treated

shot it out

wounded

bleeding

pistol

counselor

ran out of

released

Comprehension Questions

- 1) Who pulled guns on each other?
- 2) Who arrived late?
- 3) Was the wife drinking a beer?
- 4) Who was wounded.?
- 5) When did Michael Martin shoot his wife?

- 6) Where was Mrs. Martin's pistol?
- 7) Where did they take the gun battle?
- 8) Who was released from the hospital?

Discussion Questions

Have you ever seen a gun? Have you ever used a gun?
Why? When?

Is Crime a big problem in Canada? Is the crime situation as bad as the
United State's?

Do you think this is a story about a normal American husband and wife?

- 4) Is family violence a problem in Canada?