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Protection order discharged and undertaking refused

A District Court judge in a rural town discharged a protection order which had been granted to the respondent wife a number of months previously. Both parties were present in court and represented themselves.

The applicant husband said that when the protection order was granted, he had been a heavy drinker but he had stopped drinking nine months earlier. The respondent wife accepted this, and she said she was looking for an undertaking from the husband in the terms of a safety order. The husband said he was not agreeing to this as he was no longer drinking. He said he was also still in an intimate relationship with his wife once or twice a week and this was always instigated by the wife.

The judge discharged the protection order and refused to seek an undertaking from the husband.