

(Well Jess, have you heard of any other cases where one Indian kills another one and then they just don't prosecute? They just let it go?)

Jess: Well, it has happened like that. Now you take in Geary here, several month ago, Tommy Lumpmouth, was living with that Roberta Sage. She was married, you know, Indian custom over four or five years and she left her man and Tom took up with her and went to beating her up about once a week. And her folks-- Julia, (Unintelligible name), and Lula and all them girls tried to get her to swear a complaint against him. At one time they said here not too long ago that the reason she wouldn't swear out against him was that he threatened to kill her if she did. And anyway he told her, "I always pay Les White. I always pay Les White to keep me out of trouble when I'm in jail. He lets me out when I'm in--on the sly." That's what that boy said, Tommy. He had two ways of getting out of it: threatening that girl and claiming that he always paid that judge--money to get him out. Otherwise I wouldn't know. She's come to my house with cheeks sticking way out here and black eyes. She wanted to borrow my black glasses. I had one pair, but one of them was broke-- I said, "Why don't you turn away from that boy? He's gonna kill you. In fact," I said, "You haven't divorced your husband. After three years of common law marriage, you're supposed to divorce by law." I said, "Now you're living with your other man. You left him after you lived with him about six or seven years. You have to divorce by law before you can live with this boy." So she said, "I don't know--he threatens me if I tell on him." "Well", I said, "Expose him. Tell them how he threatens you." But she wouldn't do nothing.

(Some irrelevant conversation.)

(Jess, back when you were a young man, did Indian men beat their wives back in those days.)

Jess: Now that I know of--no, I never heard of anything like that.

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Bob: The Indian will not punish his child. He encourages me to. I ought to go do this and that, but they won't do anything to punish their child at all.