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Preface

Systems Failure is a series of digital works enforcing the lack of support many get from our government and society. With government cutbacks and absence of financing, we all must endure strenuous times. The majority of the images are directed towards domestic violence, and the private world in which some must persevere.

My inspiration has come from my own image entitled "Life's Vision" this was founded upon the absence of health care or quality of health care that many receive. Others that I have produced are founded social issues, such as destruction of religion and discontent and ignorance of others. While many use this as an excuse for terrorism and butchery. We all seem to overlook tolerance in our everyday lives.

The images being shown replicate this deep dark secretive world of abuse. The times in which some quietly wish for help, not sure as where or who to go. This only helps to silence the hidden abuse while they must endure more, and trying to live in denial and false hope, as "it will stop, I know it will." This type of action leads to disrupted sleep and dreams that last a life time, with one wishing to find a safe home. Many who experience domestic violence become lost, alone and trapped. They are isolated from family and friends with no financial means of support and no hope of moving forward. This can be very confusing for many leaving them with uncertainties in moving forward, venturing out and facing the fear that you will not be protected from the offender. Protection comes in the form of a piece of paper, while it is not always effective, for it is only a piece a paper. Yet day after day women continue to suffer at the hands of their partner.

As the woman or victim choses to move on with her life the offender does not seem to let go or give in, leaving the woman fighting for her independence becoming rather brave. Unfortunately, this abuse not only has long term effects on the woman but it has great effects on the children who live

through the abuse, in their own home. This too has long term effects on the children. Once away some find life difficult and trying for they are forever haunted. Yet the underlying thought of hope does exist, I for I have spent half on my own life in an abusive relationship, and I continually move forward.