



# Family Law

CALL US - BEFORE  
YOUR EX DOES!



Roxanne Shank  
LAWYER

## Q

I finally called quits to our marriage and in response, my husband posted intimate videos of me on an Internet porn site. I am terrified my children, family and boss will see them. What do I do?

## A

I am so sorry to hear that you are a victim of revenge porn. It is devastating to be in an intimate and trusting relationship and find your partner has violated that trust and made private videos and photos, public.

The good news is that the law in Canada is beginning to catch up with this problem. First, go to the police immediately, and have screenshots off the website to show them. Your husband can be charged with the criminal offense of “publication of an intimate image without consent” (s.152.1) and can be sentenced up to five years in prison.

You can sue him in civil court. A recent Ontario court case (Doe v. N.D., 2016 ONSC 541) found a person guilty of “public disclosure of private facts” where an ex-boyfriend posted an intimate video of his former girlfriend on a porn website

without her knowledge or consent. Justice Stinson awarded a total of \$141,708 be paid to the plaintiff and noted at paragraph 58 that the breach of trust and privacy was analogous to a sexual assault.

Finally, make appointments with two people- a counsellor to assist you with the emotional fallout from this event, and a family lawyer to assist you with your separation and divorce (as this event will have an impact on issues involving the children).

Your friends at Shank Law.



Phone: 705-435-5055  
Email: [lynn@shanklawoffice.com](mailto:lynn@shanklawoffice.com)  
Web: [shanklawoffice.com](http://shanklawoffice.com)