

## ELDERLY WOMAN THREATENED BY MACHETE

Physical abuse affects people of ALL AGES. Terrified seventy-two year-old Mrs. Juanita Clark\* was abused repeatedly by her husband. The violence continued to escalate until, one day, Mr. Clark threatened his wife with a machete, screaming "I'll kill you if you try to get help."



With encouragement from her son, and help from Bay Area Legal Services, Juanita\* filed an injunction for protection against domestic violence. *"She was very frightened to face her husband in court,"* said Jean Hudson, attorney for Mrs. Clark. *"This was the FIRST TIME she had ever stood up to him."*

Mr. Clark was the family's sole provider. He received substantial monthly income from a pension, and other investments. Mrs. Clark's only income was a small Social Security check. She was afraid without her husband's financial support, she and her son could not survive. Attorney Hudson successfully obtained the injunction to secure Juanita and her family's safety. In addition, the dedicated attorney obtained temporary alimony to help Juanita until divorce proceedings permanently secured her physical, financial and emotional freedom.

*"Juanita obtained her divorce, and has moved on with her life." says Attorney Hudson. "She is grateful she no longer has to live in fear. That is the reward of being an attorney at Bay Area Legal Services,"*

\* names have been changed for confidentiality