Table 3: Assessment of Violent Warning Signs (Based on Kettley & Rizzo, Eds, 1994, as cited in Williams and Robertson, 1997)

Assessment Category	Escalating Person	Violent Person
Appearance	Clenching jaw	Clenched jaw
	Narrowed eyes	Piercing stare
	Frowning	Reddened face
	Anxious	Narrowed, glaring or darting
		eyes
	Clenched hands/fists	Agitated
	Looks angry and upset	Fearful or angry expression
	Face becoming reddened	Veins standing out
	Beginning to perspire	Perspiring heavily
	Fearful looks	
	Extreme quietness	
	Tense, stiff posture	
Speech	Tremulous	Shouting
	Loud voice	Repetitive speech
	Swearing	Swearing
	Muttering	Rambling
	Sarcastic	Threatening
	Refusal to speak	Argumentative
	Repeated requests for	
	assistance	
Motor movements	Exaggerated movements	Pacing
	Nervous energy	Pounding
	Gesturing	Making fists
	Pacing	Tense muscles
	Wringing hands	Exaggerated movements
	Instructive	Increased activity
Behaviors	Overly sensitive	Hostile
	Irritable	Threatening actions
	Crying	Belligerant
	Hostile	Confused
	Demanding	Suspicious
	Acting strangely	Pounding
	Obnoxious	Throwing
		Hitting
		Pushing
		Kicking
		Jabbing