

# Celebrity News: Madonna Sticks Up for Ex-Husband Sean Penn



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Though they're no longer a [celebrity couple](#), Madonna is standing up for her ex-husband Sean Penn, in latest [celebrity news](#). According to [UsMagazine.com](#), Penn is currently suing *Empire* creator Lee Daniels for defamation after he alleged that Penn is abusive toward women while defending Terrence Howard during an interview with the *Hollywood Reporter*. In a new declaration submitted via Penn's amended lawsuit, Madonna denies all reports of abuse, calling them "outrageous, reckless, and false."

# This celebrity news show that past love dies hard. What are some reasons to stay in contact with an ex partner?

## Cupid's Advice:

Just because you break it off with someone, celebrity couple or not, that doesn't mean it makes sense to cut all ties with them. Cupid has some relationship advice:

**1. Networking:** If your partner has been a big part of your career, then it may not make sense to cut ties with them. You can keep things professional civil without being emotionally invested.

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**2. You're close friends first:** Sometimes it may not be possible to get past the hurt of a break-up, but other times it's possible to remain friends. There's no reason to throw away a good friendship if it doesn't hurt you emotionally, so make sure you know what you're throwing away before you make a concrete decision.

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**3. You still care:** Sure, you may not be a couple anymore, but you can't just stop caring about someone the second you're no longer in a relationship. It doesn't hurt to initiate some small talk to make sure your partner is okay every once in a while.

**What are some other reasons to stay in contact with your ex?**

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