

Martina Navratilova's Off-Court Financial Battle



This is no love match. Tennis legend Martina Navratilova has found herself fighting an off-court battle with her ex, Toni Layton, reported the [Telegraph](#) last week. Now, Navratilova is trying to put an end to this messy breakup by settling and paying Layton an estimated \$3 million. Layton sued Navratilova two years ago for alimony, saying Navratilova suddenly dumped her after an eight year relationship, and caused her “emotional, mental and physical trauma.” Layton also apparently threatened Navratilova, saying she would air all of the couple’s dirty laundry if the tennis legend didn’t pay up.

What should you do if you’re being threatened in some way by a jilted ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It should never have to come to this, but being able to protect yourself from any threat is essential. Let Cupid help:

- 1. A threat is a threat:** First and foremost, understand that if someone threatens you it should be taken seriously. Whether it's verbal, as in the case of Navratilova, or physical, it should not be ignored. Any form of domestic abuse, which includes threats against you or a family member, is against the law!
- 2. You're never alone:** Calling 911 is a good first course of action if you feel threatened. Laws vary from state-to-state; you'll want to understand your options. Don't worry about making things worse by involving the authorities; they're there to help and protect you. If you're a minor, inform your parents of the situation and let them help you figure out the best course of action. There is also the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.
- 3. The ABC's of AVOs and TROs:** There are special court orders that can be put in place if your ex, or even your current spouse, is threatening you. These are called injunctions, and can force someone to refrain from doing certain acts. These come in the form of a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), or an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) if you feel your harasser is becoming violent.