

Oksana Grigorieva Discusses Why She Settled with Mel Gibson



It's official! Russian musician Oksana Grigorieva accepted last week's truce deal – worth \$3 million – with Mel Gibson, RadarOnline.com reports. A forensic accountant analyzed this deal with the \$15 million settlement from 2010. “The previous offer was structured in a way that made its value less than \$1 million,” her lawyer Daniel Horowitz said. “Moreover, it required Oksana to surrender to Gibson all evidence in the criminal case against her, which could have made her subject to criminal charges ranging from bribery to destruction of evidence.” Grigorieva's lawyers value the present settlement, which includes 16 years living rent free in a \$1.8 million

home, \$750,000 in periodic payments, payments to attorney fees and rights to her album and videos, “at over \$3 million.”

How do you know when to drop an argument in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're quarrelling in a relationship, what you want most is to end it. Here are some suggestions on when to drop an argument:

- 1. Identified main issue:** Once you have both figured out what caused the argument and shared how deeply it impacted each other, it's safe to move on from it.
- 2. Fixed the issue:** When a resolution to the issue has been decided so you can avoid the argument from resurfacing in the future, it's best to stop discussing it.
- 3. Apologized:** The best ending to an argument is when one or both of you has apologized sincerely.

When do you think it's best to drop an argument in a relationship? Let us know by commenting below.

Oksana Grigorieva's Son to Be Questioned





The Los Angeles county sheriff's department is seeking Alexander Dalton, son of Oksana Grigorieva, for questioning on his mother's relationship with Mel Gibson, [TMZ](#) reported last week. The department believes that Dalton, Grigorieva's son with actor Tim Dalton, will be able to give critical evidence about the fights between Gibson and his mother.

How can a child be protected from parental problems?

Cupid's Advice:

Grigorieva and Gibson's fights have been public due to the release of recordings by [RadarOnline.com](#), but until now, the fight has not involved anyone outside the couple. It's important to separate the the legal issues for the benefit of the family, and the quality of life of the children.

1. Keep it professional: Even if a child gets involved in the legal matters, it's important that those matters are kept within a legal setting. Don't discuss them at home, or bring them up when talking about other things.

2. Leverage: As in, don't use it. Fights between parents should never be used as a bargaining tool to play the child against a mother or father. The kid isn't a pawn in the parents' problems and situations.

3. Allow for distance: If it looks like a child is being taken advantage of, or used to tip the scales in one person's favor over the other, it is up to another family member, or close friend who is aware of the situation, to step in and remove the child. Whether it's staying with grandparents for awhile, or just getting them out of the house, it's important that the kids have their own space.

Mel Gibson's Break-Up Takes a New Turn





Mel Gibson continues to draw attention regarding his break-up with baby mama, Oksana Grigorieva. [RadarOnline](#) reported last week that a taped phone conversation between the actor and his ex-girlfriend included less than flattering racial remarks directed towards her. Gibson has a history of potentially detrimental comments, and has a documented history of drunken misbehavior.

Are there more effective ways to break-up?

Cupid's Advice:

When a relationship ends there are going to be hurt feelings, but if you deal with them properly, you'll have a better chance of coming to terms with your break-up. Read how Cupid deals with negative emotions:

1. Express yourself: When you find yourself in the middle of a nasty break-up with, it's healthy to get those feelings out. Try to turn your feelings into positive energy – and don't direct the negativity to your ex. It won't solve anything.

2. Talk to someone unbiased: When you're going through an emotional upheaval, logic tends to be forgotten. Go to a trusted family member or friend to confide in, and listen to their suggestions. They'll tend to be more objective since they aren't directly involved in the situation.

3. Be understanding: You are not the only person feeling hurt. Consider your former partner's feelings before reacting.

Mel Gibson vs. Oksana Grigorieva: Restraining Orders





[RadarOnline](#) reported Friday that 54-year-old actor Mel Gibson filed a sealed restraining order against ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, the mother of his seven-month-old illegitimate daughter, Lucia. However [TMZ](#) reported an hour later that Grigorieva filed a domestic violence restraining order against the actor, claiming he was violent towards her. Gibson's restraining order was filed to keep his ex from releasing certain information, as well as ensuring child visitation rights.

How do you deal with child visitation after a not so amicable break up?

Cupid's Advice:

While no breakup is immune to problems, there are ways to ensure your children don't bear the burden of your issues.

1. Ask for help: If you and your ex can't stand to be in the same room together, find a close friend or family member that can assist with figuring out a schedule that works for the both of you.

2. Hire a mediator: A professional can meet with each of you separately and come back with an arrangement that gives both parents equal time with the kids.

3. Include the children: Ask the older ones about their wishes. It's important to include them in your decision if you can. This will go along way to help them understand the breakup isn't about them.