

## **Box 9.2    The Problem of Dual Arrests**

One of the unanticipated consequences of mandatory and preferred arrest laws was a dramatic increase in the number of women arrested for IPV perpetration. Sometimes women are arrested as the sole perpetrator, but more often, it appears, police arrest both intimate partners, a practice known as dual arrest (DeLeon-Granados, Wells, & Binsbacher, 2006; Hirschel, Buzawa, Pattavina, Faggiani, & Reuland, 2007; S. Miller, 2005). As we noted earlier, men and women usually have different motivations for using force against their intimate partners: men are more often motivated by a desire to maintain control over their partner, whereas women more often act in defense of themselves or their

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