

Sacramento Divorce: The Moment I Knew

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A thought provoking article in the Huffington Post discusses their informal survey of readers to ask: Was there a moment you knew your marriage was over? The split-second you saw the writing on the wall—even if you didn't acknowledge as much until later? You can read the full article [here](#).

I kinda knew it was over when one night while our 1 year old son was sleeping and we were watching TV, she revealed that she had a conviction for running a scam at her then employer May Co. She was somehow returning new clothing and netting the cash. I was shocked, appalled but in love with her and my son, but in the back of my mind I knew I had a huge problem it. Well 7 years and one beautiful daughter later, it's gonna be a wrap in 2011. I'll give her credit she offered joint custody. I'm not looking back

As a [Sacramento Divorce Lawyer](#), I've observed that there usually is a timing issue in [divorces](#) between the time when one spouse decides to move on with his or her life, and when the other spouse finds out. Frequently, the second spouse has to "emotionally catchup" to the first spouse, and to experience the emotions that accompany the break down of the marriage.

When my wife said to me three months into our marriage: "I'm pregnant ... now you can never leave me." I had never said I wanted to leave her. We had agreed long before the marriage that we would not have children. She was suppose to be taking "the pill". A year after my son was born, I left ... and took my son with me. He's 24 years old now and sitting next to me right now doing his Calculus III homework for Civil Engineering at University. Greatest son in the world!

These timing issues can be very difficult people, and understandably so. I counsel clients to address the emotional issues with trained professionals such as marriage family therapists or other mental health professionals, if at all possible, and not to try to use the divorce process to attempt to exact vengeance. This will only result in more pain and suffering, and frequently increases the cost and duration of divorces. As Winston Churchill said: "Nothing is more costly, nothing is more sterile, than vengeance."

I knew it was over the day she charged the joint credit card up to it's limit and emptied the joint bank account. Had herself a nice little payday and headed for Vegas. Good riddance.

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Matthew Crider formed [Crider Law PC](#) in 1999 so he could help individuals through the California divorce process by providing creative solutions as their trusted advisor and legal counselor. His divorce and family law practice focuses on assisting people in dissolution matters, including divorce, child custody and visitation, child and spousal support, spousal support and alimony, and parental rights.

