<title>Battered wives hunt in vain formythical Protection Officers</title>
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upher case against the husband who was beatingher after she spent a week going in vain from one 'Protection Officer' to the next, accordingto Ujwala Kadrekar, the NGO worker who assisted
the woman with her case.Maharashtra has more than 800 new pro-tection officers, existing civil servants whowere given the responsibility last year to serveas a bridge between victims of do mesticviolence and the courts.But reports from Mumbai indicate thatmany of these officers are refusing to helpwomen who come to them for aid—sometimeswith the approval of their
superiors. The time-consuming job of helping women file theirdomestic violence cases in court

is too muchfor officials who have duties elsewhere, gov-ernment and NGO officials said.</description> <classif>A51</classif> <entrydt>08/10/2008</entrydt>
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