

19<sup>th</sup> of April 2015

The court system in [REDACTED] in the year [REDACTED] through to [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] my D.O.B is [REDACTED]. My Husband at the time was [REDACTED] D.O.B [REDACTED]. We owned among other things [REDACTED]. We have [REDACTED] children together.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT HOW I OBTAINED THE [REDACTED]

Before I finally asked [REDACTED] to leave my premises at [REDACTED], I had what he called a "[REDACTED] List" thrown at me at about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wrote this list in his own hand writing and on his business letterhead (I have the original document).

This list as well as a Restraining Order I had obtained for a period of [REDACTED] years. At the time the maximum allowed period was [REDACTED] but the Judge had decided in my case to grant it for [REDACTED]

#### EMERGENCY CHILD CUSTODY HEARING

The following information was given to the FAMILY COURT [REDACTED]

1. Statutory Declarations from my best friend and my children's care provider stating that I had always been the children's main carer.

2. The other was from a temporary lawyer called [REDACTED] who had [REDACTED]

A. Including forged scripts [REDACTED]

B. A note from Centrelink [REDACTED]

C. Forged bank documents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was under extreme time restraints so she chose to write her own statement instead of getting [REDACTED] of the Federal police to write it.

3. Also a letter from my treating doctor who not only confirmed the Domestic Violence but also claimed he believed [REDACTED] was inadvertently or on PURPOSE giving me increasing amounts of a drug called [REDACTED]. It also stated that he had no knowledge of me being suicidal, which my husband had claimed.

4. A "Sorry" letter from the past written by [REDACTED] included in an effort to compare hand writing to match the previously mentioned, [REDACTED] List'. This letter was given in lieu of flowers after one of the worst beatings of my life and stated what a kind and capable Mother my then husband considered me to be. I believe it also showed his mental state after he had one of his rage attacks.

The reason these things were given to the court was because my husband at the time in retaliation for my obtaining the Restraining Order had left the Criminal Court and went into the Family Court and obtained a Recovery Order.

He accomplished this by stating that I was [REDACTED], among other claims (these are the main ones I remember). The Judge granted this order without talking to me.

I had been on holiday with my children for a week [REDACTED] so we could get peace. We had been harassed; [REDACTED] had been breaching the Restraining Order but was not arrested as the Police assured me the charges were being compiled against him. He was eventually charged with [REDACTED] counts and convicted of [REDACTED] before I finally gave up on the idea of justice. Each and every time I tried, I would be punished in a way so horrific it was unimaginable and [REDACTED] was fined as a punishment.

Before leaving for [REDACTED] I telephoned my Lawyers office and was informed she was on holiday and that it was fine for me to take the children and to go to [REDACTED] This office was very informed on what was happening with [REDACTED] and the terror I was living with.

While in [REDACTED] I also telephoned the [REDACTED] Police station to tell them my whereabouts in case anything should happen. I had already informed the children's school of the situation and the Restraining Order.

[REDACTED] had rung the children's school and asked why [REDACTED] were not in school. The social worker at the school had telephoned me (as soon as he hung up the phone) because one of the breaches he had already committed was to show up at [REDACTED] school within an hour of the Police handing him the Restraining Order. He was actually restrained by the order from doing this but it didn't matter. He rang the Police at [REDACTED] and they apparently confirmed to him that I was interstate. [REDACTED] stated this as one of the reasons why he needed a Recovery Order. He claimed I was moving interstate. To this day I do not know whether this is true and whether or not the police did actually confirm I was interstate. This is just what [REDACTED] told the court.

I had been in hospital with [REDACTED] on my return [REDACTED] but I wanted to leave the hospital. The doctors could not understand why I was so terribly concerned as I told them how much danger my children were in and that I had to leave to protect them. [REDACTED] had always threatened to KILL them if I left. He had on one occasion taken a knife out of the kitchen and threatened to kill my baby [REDACTED] me. They put me on a psych hold so I could get treatment. My life was in danger and my doctor told me [REDACTED] was contributing to me not making a life saving decision. My friends cared for my

children during the [REDACTED] days I was absent. They had [REDACTED] children the same age as my eldest [REDACTED] and had known each other all of their lives.

[REDACTED] The Federal Police, by Court Order, gave them to the man who on so many occasions had threatened to KILL them and myself. The man the Criminal Court had ordered them protected from.

The earliest possible court date I could get was to occur in [REDACTED] time even though I had made it very clear how much danger my children were in. I collapsed and nearly gave in at this point. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He had won because this had already been months of the worst punishment for me daring to leave; now he had my children. Just then [REDACTED] of the Federal police rang and told me to keep fighting. He said we would fight together. I did not ring [REDACTED] back.

#### THE EMERGENCY FAMILY COURT HEARING

My lawyer [REDACTED] was on holiday and I had to have a substitute lawyer.

I sat in the Court room as each and every count on this [REDACTED] List' was read out and [REDACTED] admitted to it all. He said things like, "Yes I raped her but we were drunk and it is historical." Each and every count was confessed to. I had to sit while the court examined this horrific stuff. I picked a spot over the Judges head to focus on and tried to stay still. It was like they were pulling pieces of me apart and made me watch while they examined it. This list was only about three percent of the crimes committed against myself, my children and our animals but it was still horrific to hear.

The doctor's letter was talked about. I said nothing except to a completely different lawyer (She filled in for [REDACTED]) and when she told me that they would subpoena my medical records I was glad. I said, "Now they will know what he is capable of".

[REDACTED] My doctor claimed he had never seen me suicidal, he did not lie. I was never asked about anything. I was not spoken to. I would have confessed this at the time.

I was however very ill. I had [REDACTED] and this caused [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I, at the time, lived in a house worth [REDACTED] and had paid help. I had no reason to believe my health would be a problem in caring for my children. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wanted shared custody. I then spoke and asked my lawyer to say that I did not approve of him having visitation. After all he had just confessed to rape and child abuse, both physical and emotional abuse of [REDACTED] my children. Right there in front of this Judge and court room of Lawyers.

**He was granted every other [REDACTED] and every second weekend visitation.**

The Judge did this because it was the law. She was bound by it. I was then ordered to stay within city limits by the Court. I was granted full custody.

I asked for an independent Lawyer for my children. I needed to fight this ordered visitation.

He was not held accountable for any of it. Not for the perjury to obtain the Recovery Order, not one thing. He was ordered to return my children within the hour and to not get out of his vehicle. He did though. He tried to terrorise me when the kids ran to me. [REDACTED]

#### VISITATION OF MY CHILDREN

On one of the few actual visitations of my children [REDACTED] lost his temper and the children were threatened. He hit walls, not them but he had a friend drive the children home to me. They were a complete mess. The children's independent lawyer amended the visitation order to, "At the children's request". None of them wanted to go but they went to therapy. This could have resulted in serious injury or death of my children.

#### CRIMINAL COURT

At Court over the Restraining Order breaches he had [REDACTED] testify for him and they wanted my [REDACTED] to stand up against [REDACTED] father in Court. I refused and as a result had to drop [REDACTED] counts so he was convicted of [REDACTED]. He was fined. We had [REDACTED] dollars at least in assets and he was fined. The Police prosecutor stated [REDACTED] was one of the worst offenders he has seen. He did not think I was safe in [REDACTED] and finished with, [REDACTED] is nice this time of year."

#### ATTACKS DID NOT END

[REDACTED] cut off the finances. I have enclosed numerous bills I was receiving at this time. He had orchestrated for me to go bankrupt, [REDACTED]. Even though we had about [REDACTED] in assets and he was earning over [REDACTED] a year. I was asked in the very beginning to give my Lawyer [REDACTED] dollars and she told me to withdraw it from my credit card even though I told her it would incur a daily interest rate I could not afford. My children and I were living in a home worth well over [REDACTED] with no electricity, gas, water or food. [REDACTED] asked me to give her every bill that came in and she would take care of it. She never did. I paid as much as I could.

#### CHILD SUPPORT

He was supposed to be paying Child Support in a previous separation because he had signed a legal agreement for [REDACTED] per week. He did this after a terrible assault and he had worked out that this is what was needed to pay our bills including the medication I needed and the insurance. He claimed that he was paying off the loans as he deducted the payments to the Child Support Agency. The loans included what he had taken out [REDACTED]

possession. He deducted everything from the Child Support Agency including all of the

His debt accumulated to over dollars. He was telling the Child Support Agency he was paying the mortgage as well but the house was being repossessed. Documents of all of this are included. The bills kept coming and are far more than I could provide. My Lawyer allowed the court to dismiss his debt. He did not have to pay any back pay. He was completely allowed to get away with not honouring a legal document and lying to the Child Support Agency. Not one charge was laid against him.

#### CENTRELINK

He was telling Centrelink that I was earning a year and that he was paying per week in Child Support. This prevented me from obtaining Centrelink at that time.

#### SEEKING EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

He cancelled my health insurance. The telephone was disconnected but was in name. I tried to get it connected into my name but they told me he had to disconnect it first in order for me to get it put in my name. I told them the house was in my name and he did not live there. They told me it did not matter. No telephone company at the time would put the telephone on for me. There was nothing left to do but to sell the house; however, it was in my name and unfortunately the Court ordered I could not. So I went to emergency accommodation. I was found.

I went to different accommodation. I was found.

I was attacked and now I could not call the police. The attacks were so violent and I could not risk anymore "fines" as his punishment and the time it would take to get a court date was extremely dangerous. I would have to attend court constantly and I believe I was followed each time as I risked my life with each attendance the risk far outweighed the reward of seeing him punished, as it was ineffectual and did nothing to prevent the attacks. My health took a terrible turn for the worse. court dates and travelling constantly to police stations to fill out reports were killing me. I was not allowed to leave the state, in fact I was ordered to stay in the metropolitan area.

#### I SOLD THE HOUSE

I sold the house against the Court's wishes. I was out of options. I got a rental property by

Then my lawyer accidentally gave my address by not blacking it out before she sent correspondence to his lawyer. I have that document as well.

I tried to fire my Lawyer but she said I could not unless I paid my bill in full. It turns out that upon hiring her she had me sign a form stating she would be paid in full if I were to fire her.

#### ATTEMPTED TO SETTLE

I told [REDACTED] I would settle this. I rang [REDACTED] and organised to get a settlement of [REDACTED] dollars. I had given my Lawyer a previous hand written settlement and she told me it was a process and it was not, "That easy". It was a great deal, less than I knew we had in money and assets. [REDACTED] rang constantly to, "Talk me out of it". I would not budge and [REDACTED] lawyer drew up the settlement. [REDACTED] said she would not go to court with this agreement unless I had my doctor state that I was of sound mind. I did that. (This document is also enclosed herein). I was so terribly broken by this stage and [REDACTED] making me question my sanity like that did not help. She knew I had been put on a hold because of [REDACTED] and she knew the circumstances. If she truly believed that I was not of sound mind why did she represent me at all? Why did she not insist or even suggest I be accompanied to legal appointments? Especially if she even suspected I was not, "of sound mind".

[REDACTED] had a male lawyer, 'talk' to me before the hearing. I was terrified of men and she knew it. He told me it was completely unsound of me to take this offer, that I did not know what I was worth. After a long time I gave in [REDACTED]

#### TERROR CONTINUED

My house was constantly broken into during each time I moved (recorded in Police stations in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]). At one point a Police Officer gave me money from her own purse so I could get a night's sleep (I repaid her as soon as I could). I never had a full night's sleep during this time and I was a mess after the failed attempt to get a settlement. I then went to the doctor and was referred. I was then diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder by [REDACTED] This was after many sessions. Before one of such sessions I was attacked, [REDACTED] had left a bruise and permanently hurt my back [REDACTED] documented it.

#### FEDERAL POLICE INVESTIGATION

[REDACTED] called and said he had questioned [REDACTED] with a lawyer about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] went to most of the doctors appointments for me because he did not allow me to leave the house. [REDACTED] claimed his finger prints were on them because I was so ill. [REDACTED] explained it would be a terribly hard thing to prove beyond reasonable doubt because I was and had been so ill. The Federal Police could prove I did not sign those documents but proving that [REDACTED] did would be much harder. To prove that [REDACTED] did sign the documents beyond a reasonable doubt would be hard. He knew about the assaults and he worried about my health. Now I had

been diagnosed with PTSD and after talking to me he said he thought it best to not pursue it. Chain of custody was also an issue as I found the documents after [REDACTED] had left the house. I could not hold him accountable for anything. There is also a loan [REDACTED] took out for [REDACTED] dollars in my name without my consent and without my signature from a bank I have never entered [REDACTED]. This was taken out before [REDACTED]. I saw the cheque book and notice in his office when he worked from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told me at the time he did not need my signature to obtain it. I did not disclose this at the time as I was already beaten and it was obvious the whole investigation was going to be dropped. I could not keep fighting.

#### FINAL STRAW

The next break in was awful. [REDACTED] was home from school with the flu and [REDACTED] was almost better. It was a beautiful day so I took [REDACTED] down to the beach for lunch. We got home in time to meet my [REDACTED] but when we entered, it was trashed. Everything that was valuable was stolen. These items had just been recorded for purposes of a financial settlement by a valuer. I had no insurance of course. The window in [REDACTED] room was broken. There were slash marks on my mattress. The police dusted for finger prints and there were none so they made a report for me. That is all.

I told my lawyer I was leaving and left. I moved to [REDACTED] against the Court's wishes. It seemed to be the safest place and I moved in [REDACTED] hours leaving most of my belongings behind. I knew of nowhere else to go. I had been a prisoner in my home for many years. I did not know the world or what was expected of me or what services were available to me. I was not allowed to learn the computer either.

#### TIME MARCHED ON

Time marched on and my lawyer used the Police records to allow me to stay interstate. I would have had to give [REDACTED] my whereabouts if I wanted to keep the Restraining Order. It was no help; it only caused terrible, irreversible pain anyway, so I did not have it continued.

Afterwards there was more and more trouble, including being called and told, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

#### ASKED TO ATTEND COURT IN [REDACTED]

I found out that [REDACTED]  
Everything I owned was being devalued. I and my children could take no more and I fired my lawyer. She was talking about a trial and of receiving in the vicinity of only [REDACTED] out of which she was going to be paid more money than I already owed her. I rang [REDACTED] and his lawyer drew up a settlement. [REDACTED] was paid in the vicinity of [REDACTED] in the time she was my lawyer. She made me sign a form stating I had been informed I may get more money if I had a trial but she agreed it was best to settle now and gave my children files to carry to my car.



## THE SETTLEMENT

I took what I could get and found out that I had to pay the valuer [REDACTED] was using. She had not paid him and he was suing me. The people who bought my home were suing me for damage to the property because [REDACTED] had given [REDACTED] the keys to the property to collect his belongings. [REDACTED] I had to sort out the mess left by it all.

After all the debt and law suits, I received half of what I was going to settle for earlier. I signed the forms [REDACTED] lawyer drew up; I knew nothing about it except it meant it would finally be over. I could not understand any part of it. [REDACTED] had moved money into so many areas it would take a Forensic Accountant to work out.

This was the price of mine and my children's freedom I believed. There was no other option. [REDACTED] had to be paid and the only way to do that was to settle.

## CHILD SUPPORT

After all [REDACTED] had been through, [REDACTED] became addicted to drugs. I was extremely ill living on a disabled pension and [REDACTED] was not allowed to attend any public school in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had become violent, so bad that [REDACTED] was considered a threat to others. So I went back to [REDACTED] I hoped with support, I could be a good Mother. I sold my home at a very big loss in order to keep everyone safe. To keep [REDACTED] safe from the drug dealers who had broken into our home (documented at the Victorian police station in [REDACTED]). After the break in I attempted suicide [REDACTED] I was in therapy but because of all that I had suffered [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This was the worst thing I had ever done and it is why I believed I could not be a good mother without support. I had family in [REDACTED] and all my friends. I believed that [REDACTED] would not realise I was back because a psychiatrist assured me that men like this move on. He seemed to. He was married to a woman he was dating [REDACTED] after leaving my home. I had to arrange for [REDACTED] to stay [REDACTED] was happy and at school and I could not disturb [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] was entering year [REDACTED] was now [REDACTED] years old. I paid for [REDACTED] care with the child support and more of my own money.

## WE MOVED BACK TO [REDACTED]

It worked for a while, but soon [REDACTED] became addicted to many drugs. [REDACTED] was taken to hospital and there [REDACTED] claimed that I had [REDACTED] These allegations were investigated by Police and social workers. I was apologised to by them. None of these allegations were true. [REDACTED] had/has serious problems due to all [REDACTED] has lived through.



In a last ditch effort to straighten [REDACTED] out, dry [REDACTED] out and get [REDACTED] to agree to finally go to rehab I asked my Mother to care for [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] dealer lived down my street. My Mother was given money to do this but no money was given to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called [REDACTED] to gain the financial means to continue to do drugs.

## CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

The Child Support Agency was contacted and when I told them that [REDACTED] was living with [REDACTED] they informed me that I was getting overpaid. It seemed [REDACTED] was on a benefit [REDACTED] was not supposed to be on. I went to Centrelink and a social worker called [REDACTED] checked the law and told me to appeal, I did and I won. [REDACTED] refused to pay any Child Support and as he was running his own business they were not able to garnish his wages. He then forged a Statutory Declaration from my Mother and used it to drag me into a Tribunal Hearing (this forged document is also enclosed).

I then received a 'with compliments slip' in an envelope from him with his new business name [REDACTED] on it. He had also provided paper work to get [REDACTED] a passport as he claimed he was taking [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] I signed the forms and I knew it was a bribe; one he would never actually give [REDACTED] He now knew where I lived and began stalking again. He had a [REDACTED] at this time. After more and more attacks I moved again.

While waiting for the Tribunal hearing and trying to keep my health stable I had emergency surgery and was very ill.

## TRIBUNAL HEARING

During this Tribunal Hearing [REDACTED] confessed to writing the Statutory Declaration. My Mother has beautiful handwriting in cursive. This document was written in [REDACTED] printed handwriting. The proof that I was paying child support to [REDACTED] was given to the Tribunal.

I won the Tribunal Hearing but was still not paid Child Support straight away. I was stalked and had to move again. Again [REDACTED] was not held accountable for forging the statutory declaration that enabled him to cut off our Child support and continue to terrorise us.

[REDACTED] continued to take control of [REDACTED] care and there was nothing I could do about it. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old going on [REDACTED] and legally allowed to decide for [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] wanted to be.

I lost belongings and was in serious debt as I tried to pay for my medications, [REDACTED] living and my [REDACTED] care. I was also hit with a great many bills. It seemed that [REDACTED] had orchestrated me to go bankrupt long before he left. In fact he had been doing this from when [REDACTED]

## BECOMING BANKRUPT

I finally had to declare bankruptcy. [REDACTED] did pay the outstanding child support in increments; this did not pay the outstanding interest on my credit cards. He drew it out when he could have paid it like pocket change.

Although we officially separated in [REDACTED] continued to stalk and harass me well into the year [REDACTED] (there are Domestic Violence records and medical records). I did not press charges as it was completely useless to do so. In fact it was LIFE THREATENING.

## I MOVED AGAIN

I now live in [REDACTED] and my health has improved. I no longer [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I have written a book; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] lives two streets away and my [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is in year [REDACTED] and getting straight A's [REDACTED] My [REDACTED] is still  
on drugs and I wonder every day if [REDACTED] is safe. I have no contact with [REDACTED] threw [REDACTED]  
away after he was done using [REDACTED] did have a moment when [REDACTED] may have turned [REDACTED] life  
around, a small window of time but [REDACTED] and the system saw to it being shut. If [REDACTED] ever  
overdoses I will always believe he killed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] received everything. He was never punished for any of his crimes. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I have since returned to [REDACTED] speak at a Domestic Violence conference [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I spoke to the minister for families and child protection and she looked up [REDACTED]  
on her phone and she even seemed to know him.

This is a complicated story, enough to fill 100 books. I have tried very hard to keep it to just to the Court systems. If any more information will be helpful please feel free to contact me as this Commission is the most important step into righting the wrongs and protecting the vulnerable, that Australia has ever seen.

Thank you for taking the time to read a small part of my story.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]