

Submission to Royal commission.



Prelude to offence:

I am a professional within Community Service Industry, and at time of offence was managing a support Service in our local Community [REDACTED]:

- My ex husband had been violent and controlling for a long period of time, particularly after we married in [REDACTED].
 - My ex husband had also threatened his previous wife on many occasions, threatening to kill her etc
 - Some of the incidents:
 - Threatening me with a sledge hammer, and then smashing my work vehicle with this
 - Always threatening to kill me
 - Chasing me in a car trying to run me off road, then punching my mirror in
 - Threatening my children
 - Calling police making false allegations against my children to control me
 - Assaulting me in public places such as local hotel (in public) view
 - There is too many incidents in the period to list between [REDACTED]
 - I could not/did not report any of these incidents to the police for many reasons:
 - Fear of repercussions from ex husband
 - Embarrassment (as I worked within community and alongside local police)
 - Living in small local community/ many people defended his actions or ignored them
 - None of my previous incidents were reported
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Offence:

- My husband waited for me to arrive home and then attempted to shoot me [REDACTED]

Prelude to offence:

- My husband had changed his will
- My husband wrote letters to [REDACTED] in previous weeks and posted the morning of offence
- My husband told many people of his intentions to kill me (2 of these people were my close friends/ police refused to take their statements)
- He arranged to borrow gun day before incident

The police refused to follow up any of this information as they felt it was not necessary. [REDACTED]

- I personally felt it showed it was a premeditated offence.

Post support from offence:

- When arriving at hospital the night of the main offence, no support was offered, no advice given
- I had to arrange my own legal advice counselling

Unhelpful:

- 2 weeks after offence it was discovered police did not follow up initial IVO, which I then had to attend court and apply for my own (facing my husband in court/This was a very emotional terrifying experience)
- As the informant was not communicative or helpful in anyway, I made a time to meet with him. His response was this is a simple case, he may only get a slap on the wrist and no jail time.
- I clearly asked "if his intention was not to kill me, what was it "Informants response was "oh he was going to kill you, he told me he had 3 bullets, 1 for the dog, 1 for me and 1 for himself".
- Approx 4 week later [REDACTED] informed me my husband was applying for bail next day [REDACTED]. I had to inform him, [REDACTED] His bail application was withdrawn.
- 2 weeks later I discovered another bail application was made by coming across this on court listings online. I was not notified of this application at all.
- I had to call the courts to find that he did get bail. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not return any of my calls when enquiring about bail.

- Whilst he was on bail, he breached and was returned to Custody. I was never informed of this. I only accidentally discovered this in family law court documents.
- He was the given bail to [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] km condition and no alcohol condition.
- Many occasions pictures were uploaded to facebook of him drinking/ but his was ignored
- The informant gave him permission to attend my property to get possessions/ I had to use my lawyer to argue this with my IVO to prevent him from attending.
- I was not given the opportunity to read my victim impact statement. (really wanted to do this)
- OPP advice was we accept plea as without all prior evidence etc we may not get a attempted murder conviction.
- My ex husbands current partner has go on to, attempt to take IVO out against me (making up lies) has written letters to my employer, has gone to my employer. All to continue intimidation. I have had to defend myself against outrageous accusations: All as a repercussion of him receiving a custodial sentence. It is felt I need to be punished for him going to Jail.
- I received \$10,000 compensation for pain and suffering. But I did NOT get medical costs covered, time of work covered; my dog was cremated (not covered). The \$10,000 barely covered my out of pocket expenses. Never alone the \$15,000 lawyer's bill.

Helpful:

- OPP [REDACTED] read statements and charges, and had them upgraded to attempted murder. But as all premeditated evidence was never gathered this could not be taken into account leading up to trial.
- Victims of crime support worker
- My psychologist
- [REDACTED] Bsafe
- All the supports above I sourced myself.

I have kept this short and specific as I feel it would be as long as a book, if I wrote and documented all the brick walls I faced. But I would like to emphasise [REDACTED] [REDACTED] informant was the most unhelpful unprofessional officer I ever had the misfortune of coming across. And in time I will lodge a formal complaint. I would be more than prepared to speak at or with Royal Commission.

I have also attached court summary.

[REDACTED]