

ROYAL COMMISSION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

██████████ Family Court File No: ██████████

I left my husband (██████████) of ██████ years in ██████████, with one of my children (██████████ now ██████ yrs) due to domestic violence in the relationship. Having just built a house and only being in it for ██████ weeks, my eldest son (██████████ now ██████ yrs) didn't want to come until I found a house to rent and said he didn't want to leave the new house he had waited on for so long. However, he knew that he and his brother could come and go between houses just like other divorced families. He wanted to enjoy a newly built home and visit me during the week for tea and maybe stay a night and on weekends to stay.

Due to violent actions and verbal abuse I had to get an intervention order put in place on my husband for ██████ months in ██████████.

Over the months my children have been tormented with emotional abuse to the extreme. ██████████ has been told by ██████████ that he will kill myself and my new partner, ██████████ told he can't go to my rental house and stay or go inside or ██████████ would lose the newly built house, ██████████ also told that if he does, then his things will be packed and left at the front door and he is not allowed back in and both told that if they chose myself over him he would move back to ██████████ and have nothing to do with them ever again. This is only listing a few things.

I tried in ██████████ to get an intervention order for ██████████ with the order that ██████████ not commit point ██████ and ██████ of a IVO – this was withdrawn. Even though with evidence that Corey gave to the local Police in a video statement and after they come downstairs and said "██████████ should not be near ██████████". It was still withdrawn and no one can tell me why. To this day I am still trying to find out.

Death threats continued and are continuing now with ██████████ telling ██████████ "I can't wait for the invention order to come off". Now with such fear ██████████ won't leave me alone, if he goes a friend's house he calls or texts to see that I am alright. Scared that when he goes to school that he will come home and find me dead and hears every noise possible and has sleepless nights in fear that his father will get into the house.

██████████ has breached the IVO and has been fined \$██████████ (██████████). This IVO has been put back on for another ██████ months in ██████████. For a second time ██████████ has breached the IVO on several occasions via text messaging me and appeared in the ██████████ Court ██████████ and was fined \$██████████ and one conviction.

We have seen ██████████, Family Court Councillor who got the report spot on. And the boys both spoke well. Even though they both said "I had to watch what I said about ██████████ (my new partner) because Dad will find out and he will get mad." What saddens me is that we had the help of ██████████ and the kids are told "nothing is a secret what you tell me, your mum and dad will read the report". This system doesn't help children a great deal does it? And let any child speak freely.

Especially in circumstances like ours. As ██████████ said "what's the point of saying anything as Dad will say all the way home - "what did you say that for". Surely they have a right to say "please don't repeat that in the report because.....". ██████████ left the building and said "you

know mum, that's the most fun Dad has been in a long time". But again, at least [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could see right through [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] recommended that [REDACTED] do every second weekend. [REDACTED] to do week on and week off. [REDACTED] had asked me right back in the beginning "just hurry up and get it worked out mum in the courts". He is trapped. He just wanted the courts to make the decision and say "[REDACTED] you have to do.... etc". To take the pressure off him and not make it look like he was taking sides of his parents. And I understand that.

The whole year of [REDACTED] I have had nothing but lawyer meetings and Court visits to try and come to an agreement. [REDACTED] had not agreed to anything. [REDACTED] also recommended an immediate Psychiatric Assessment for [REDACTED]. This has not been done.

Final Orders were done [REDACTED]. We have not seen [REDACTED] for his week on visits. He won't come to my house. He doesn't see [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and I have abided by the Orders. [REDACTED] goes to [REDACTED]'s when he has to. These two boys are not brothers anymore. All the fun has gone. They are missing each other terribly. [REDACTED] is angry with what is happening and when [REDACTED] is there for his weekends he is now being bullied by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] can't fight back to his Dad so takes it out on [REDACTED].

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrived to [REDACTED] on the Friday. [REDACTED] ate tea and went to a friends until midnight. Come to my house on the Saturday for lunch as [REDACTED] said "I am going to a friends house". [REDACTED] was home at [REDACTED] pm when he collected [REDACTED] from work. [REDACTED] pm [REDACTED] rang me in tears saying "Dad is drunk and vomiting". I collected him immediately. But who do I tell about this? Police can't do anything – it's not a criminal act. DHS – they have been contacted before and said "[REDACTED], we suggest you get an intervention order for [REDACTED]". REALLY!!

I have completed the Post Parenting Separation Course as per Court Orders, we are having our family counselling as per Court Orders, myself, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has his own separate counselling sessions at the moment.

What has [REDACTED] done?? Nothing. Has he abided by the Court Orders in any way – No. Does he even drop [REDACTED] home after his visitations – No. [REDACTED] has never abided by the law and never will.

[REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] attended Parent Teacher Interviews with [REDACTED]. Have I had any feed back of how he is going? No. I sent [REDACTED] a message on [REDACTED] asking if he could please let me know how [REDACTED] is going in each subject and what his marks are. No response. Each time I attend [REDACTED]'s Parent Teacher Interviews I will give [REDACTED] a written report of how he is going.

Court Orders state:

Each party notify the other of a change of address or telephone number 48 hours prior to any such change.

[REDACTED]'s weekend starting [REDACTED]. We had [REDACTED]'s deb ball on Friday night, therefore [REDACTED] didn't go to [REDACTED] after it. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] several time to arrange to attend his house for the night [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he was moving and not sure which

house he would be at. [REDACTED] spoke to [REDACTED] and said "be dropped at [REDACTED] Street and walk. I will meet him in the street."

I said to [REDACTED] "I have a right as per Orders to deliver you to [REDACTED]'s house". [REDACTED] says "no you can't he will kill you if you do". I have not been notified of [REDACTED] moving. I don't have any idea where [REDACTED] is staying. Nor where [REDACTED] will be overnight on his weekends. And who can I call??? No one because local Police are unable to assist with Federal Orders.

I have had nothing but torment, and stress for [REDACTED] months from [REDACTED]. Fought to just see [REDACTED] and for them to see each other at every opportunity possible. This was granted and they are not abided by. I received my lawyers account for [REDACTED] months for his assistance, \$[REDACTED]!! All for what? Final orders that aren't abided by. And I get told I can take him back to court for breaching the orders. But what will happen? Nothing. We have to attend all the Family Court Councelling again. After a 30 page write up from [REDACTED], really what is going to have altered?? Is this our only option to proceed with breaching Court Orders??

I first called the local Police to stay I have Court Orders in place and my child is meant to be here at my house. The response "sorry, that's a Federal Family Court matter". Why aren't local police able to go around and say "[REDACTED] hand over [REDACTED]?" That is all [REDACTED] wants. To then be able to say "sorry Dad, but it's Court Orders".

My closest Federal Police are [REDACTED] – will they drive to [REDACTED] to assist??

What a useless, uncontrolled court system we have. If someone told me right back at the beginning. "When you get Final Orders completed, you don't have to obey them, nothing happens anyway". I would not have gone as far I have. It is just ridiculous.

Why isn't [REDACTED] taken back to Court at his own expense, called back in and fined a hefty fine or forced to pay my legal costs for doing what he has done?

I am sure if I had broken the law in some way the Police would be after me to appear in Court. Not just turn away and say "oh she didn't show up". Oh well!

If there aren't any consequences then why not keep doing it over and over again.

Why go back to Court and put the children and myself through more stress to say "[REDACTED] isn't doing what the Orders say" – because nothing becomes of it!!! I have even once again, enquired to Family Relationships to do mediation. The first time I tried [REDACTED] refused, therefore we went down the path of Lawyers. I can't afford the expense again and it seems as that is my only option for breaching orders. Because even at mediation they can't say "[REDACTED] you need to do as the Court Orders state". They can't give legal advice.

Why are there not specialised teams that check if Orders are being adhered too? Time consuming I would imagine. Why then aren't "Family Mediation" able to do more? You can go to Mediation and work out a Parenting Plan and that still doesn't have to be abided by. Going to Mediation is to try and not block up the Family Court system. So we all go to Court and get Court Orders done and they too don't have to be abided by.

I should be able to go the Mediation after my Final Orders have been breached. Explain what has happened and they should then be sending [REDACTED] back to Court for breaching the orders.

After having an exemption for [REDACTED] months to not apply for Child Support due to [REDACTED]'s violent behaviours and threats. I finally did in [REDACTED].

My Court Orders were given to Child Support. Now they only pay me for my actual care, of [REDACTED]. (Any overnight stays). Which means, I actually get paid nothing for [REDACTED]. And [REDACTED] is paid 100% care. He pays me a small amount for [REDACTED]'s care. We have Court Orders and I should be paid for what the Court Orders state. But no, Child Support goes on "Actual overnight Care".

Someone disobeying the Court Orders are rewarded yet again. It should be paid 50/50 as per Court Orders. [REDACTED] should only get 50%, he is the one disobeying the Court Orders. Maybe if he didn't get paid he would start doing what the Court Orders are. Our system continually rewards people for their bad behaviour.

Child Support wont pay me for [REDACTED] because it's not overnight stays. However, I pay phone credit, uniforms, school fees and books and meals when I do catch up with him.

[REDACTED] stays at [REDACTED]'s overnights but will miss Friday night tea at [REDACTED]'s because [REDACTED] says come when [REDACTED] finishes work, back to me for lunch Saturday because [REDACTED] goes out to see friends and maybe I have [REDACTED] again for tea because [REDACTED] wants to go out. And [REDACTED] gets paid for having [REDACTED] in his care??

When [REDACTED] spent the day with me last week. He said "Dad said he wants \$[REDACTED] for my football membership". He brings the children into financial matters too much. They are forever passing on messages about money. Within 5 minutes of [REDACTED] arriving, [REDACTED] called his mobile to ask "did you ask mum for that \$[REDACTED]". And he gets paid 100% care for [REDACTED]. And passing messages through the children like that is a breach in the IVO.

I feel for Rosie Batty I really do. I can relate to her so much. My family phoned me when that horrible incident happened and said "this all just reminds me of [REDACTED]. Sorry to scare you [REDACTED]!"

And now another mum murdered Tara Costigan. It just keeps happening over and over again.

Our system keeps failing women over and over because the penalties for men are not hard enough.

I appreciate your time in reading this and more than happy to discuss over the phone if required.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Recorded from [REDACTED] coming home from [REDACTED]: - recorded on mobile
3 given to police

[REDACTED]: "Fucking cunt, I hate him!! (Scream) I hate him. Sob, Sob, Friggin he doesn't want to kill you and [REDACTED] he wants to even kill me.

Sob, sob

[REDACTED]: "He's saying you guys are fucked. I asked who. He ([REDACTED]) said you three know who you are.

Sob, sob.

[REDACTED]: "I hate him. He's saying everything."

[REDACTED]: "

[REDACTED]: He ([REDACTED]) said he gunna snap [REDACTED] neck and if ya mum parks out the front I will I'm gunna fuckin strangle her.

Sob, sob

[REDACTED]: "I don't like him. I said I have done nothing, so stop saying stuff like that."

He ([REDACTED]) said well don't fuckin come here anymore.

Sob, sob,

[REDACTED]: "I don't even have a dad."

[REDACTED]: "I asked what did [REDACTED] say".

[REDACTED]: "And he said hes not coming"

[REDACTED]: said "he sent me a message he was coming down".

[REDACTED]: "I don't know but he told me hes not coming."

[REDACTED]: said " you could write a friggin 5000 page story about this."

[REDACTED]: "I told [REDACTED] you didn't take your phone I was worried sick."



- facebook with son



Thanks it was nice

April 5



4/5, 7:24pm



I had texted dad earlier to see if [redacted] could stay. And I haven't heard. [redacted] has tried to call him 3 times and left a messages. He is very disappointed. It doesnt ruin my plans at all as we organised in advance a back up plan as we knew this would happen. I need to catch up with tomorrow only for a quick chat even if we meet at the school. Not a good day of footy hey! Hope you had a nice night at work. Love mum



4/5, 8:21pm



I really wanted to see [redacted] tonight



4/5, 9:13pm



Yes he was very upset. We both tried. I will speak to u tomorrow. Xx



4/5, 9:21pm



What time

And I was trying to text so we could go pick up [REDACTED] were ever he is

April 6



4/6, 7:57am

[REDACTED]

How would you have picked him up if dad wasn't home last night? It doesn't matter now. You just let me know when you can walk AMD meet at the school and I will walk up. Did want to go for a fish after lunch for a couple of hours. I am not sure if [REDACTED] will come to visit today. X



4/6, 8:33am

[REDACTED]

Yep and what do u mean dad wasn't home



4/6, 8:38am

[REDACTED]

He said on Thursday when I text to ask " not sure we will be home yet". He didn't answer any thing from us yesterday. We gave him 2 1/2 days notice of [REDACTED] coming. [REDACTED] thought Friday that he was going for the night.



4/6, 8:39am

[REDACTED]

Ill see you later ill let you know after lunch



4/6, 10:57am



Call again I have no credit



4/6, 10:57am



Let me know if you can meet now. I need to get a few things done. Love mum



4/6, 10:57am



Now

Call please



4/6, 11:44am



Thank you for being strong and meeting me for a few minutes. Hang in there it will all get better. Dad does love you both but struggles to show it in the correct way. That is very cruel that he rang and asked that question of who you want to live with. Just keep saying " both just like other divorced families" I love you very much you are a special young fella!! X

April 6





4/6, 5:07pm



Try not to leave [redacted] alone with dad too much. He said on Friday after you went to work that [redacted] [redacted]. If it gets too much [redacted] will get u to send a message to me. Thanks mate. Have a fun night. Love mum

Monday



4/7, 12:43pm



A couple of things. Do you want a [redacted]? Have you been asked by a girl to do the deb ball? Say yes it is a wonderful fun experience.



4/7, 1:05pm



Wednesday



4/9, 5:11pm



Do I want me to meet you at the corner at 6.30



4/9, 5:21pm



Yes just a bit before 6.30pm.



4/9, 5:30pm



Yeah

Thursday



4/10, 7:15pm



Where we going around to see pa tomorrow



4/10, 7:18pm



Hi [redacted], it was going to be today but I have been at the hospital with him all day. Only just got home. I will give you a call in the morning on the home phone to catch up with you. Is that ok?



4/10, 7:19pm



Yeah I think what time tomorrow



4/10, 7:41pm



What time will u he out of bed. You let me know. We just got the movie



4/10, 7:43pm



Ill be ready by 10



4/10, 9:16pm



Ok I shall pick you up.



4/10, 9:52pm



Friday



4/11, 7:47am

[REDACTED]

10 am would be good.

Friday



4/11, 10:58am

[REDACTED]

I am just thinking. I feel dad would only pressure you in a way and say who do you want to live with [REDACTED] Or tell you that you will have to stand up in court and say you want to live with him. Which is untrue. Kids don't have to do that. Just keep saying both of you like other seperated families. I would hope he calms down and do it the proper way by the rules. But please tell me if he is angry. Love mum



4/11, 1:16pm

[REDACTED]

Yep



4/11, 2:43pm

[REDACTED]

Just make sure you keep me posted and tell me if he is being too silly and it makes you sad having to listen to it.

Saturday



4/12, 10:27am

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] tell me you are ok or what is happening please. [REDACTED]?



4/12, 10:57am

[REDACTED]

Contact me [REDACTED]. You r [REDACTED] and I can't get you with police or do anything if your scared. Tell me what's happening



4/12, 11:48am

[REDACTED]

Call me



4/12, 12:31pm

[REDACTED]

I'm sorry



4/12, 12:33pm

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] sweetie I know its not you. Tell me what is happening. His work no what is happening and are worried for you and want to no your ok. If u can't stand being there tell me. Why are u not playing footy???





4/12, 12:34pm



I'm not play footy coz I'm not feeling like playing while this is going and bye the way couldn't dad loose his job for this



4/12, 12:45pm



I have no idea about that. All my request is is to have both boys go between both houses as we discussed and that is not happening. Dads actions to all this is his responsibly.



4/12, 2:09pm



What is your metime password? Have u changed it?



4/12, 2:14pm



Horsham3

I had to change it



4/12, 4:51pm

[REDACTED]

What did you say you were sorry for?

Saturday



4/12, 9:03pm

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] please answer me. Love mum

Today



2:33pm

[REDACTED]

I said sorry for what I said on the phone



2:39pm

[REDACTED]

Were u told by dad to say you didn't want to talk to me anymore and you didn't believe the things said in the court paper? And have you got the [REDACTED]?



4:01pm

[REDACTED]

Were you told to tell me that?



5:09pm



I don't think I can go and see aunty [redacted] Tuesday



5:10pm



[redacted] did dad tell you to say that on the phone?



5:25pm



Yes and no *tried to say*

haven't got

I said I wouldn't mind to stay round one night without [redacted] there but he said if I want to stay with you I have to pack my bags and go and not come back

I have to state that I don't want to go over the house and just do what we have been doing with the meeting up after school thing



5:34pm



[redacted] and I still need to see you for easter. And so do your aunty's that are coming to visit who want to see. Also pa who is very sick at the moment. When I just saw you up the street you said that dad said if you and [redacted] come to me he will go to [redacted]? Do you really think he would leave you two?



5:35pm

Yes I do think he would leave and I ask dad when I can see you for Easter and he said when we get back from [redacted] so on Monday



6:08pm

You know I have said time and time again that [redacted] doesn't have to be here and even on Tuesday it is only aunty [redacted] and you still said you wont come cos dad will not be here at the house. I have no luck either way do I.



7:31pm

I know and really want to see pa

Btw dad said that tomorrow we're going down to place a statement that I want to live with dad and just see you after school

Or he said that he will leave and I think he is serious I'm not joking

So I'm pretty much doing it for [redacted] so he has a dad around because I only have [redacted] years then I'm leaving



7:36pm

By the way



How does that make you feel? So you won't get to do anything with me and [REDACTED] as a family ever?



7:37pm

[REDACTED]

No it's pretty much just doing what were doing now going out for an ice cream or something



7:41pm

[REDACTED]

That isn't relaxing or enjoyable for any of us. It's always rushed and we have to sit in a car. I feel you need to stand up for yourself and say I am not doing it. Why would dad want to leave his boys if he doesn't get his own way?



7:45pm

[REDACTED]

I did and he told me to pack my stuff or he will leave and you and [REDACTED] and can move in



7:48pm

[REDACTED]

I will help you. You don't have to worry. It's very cruel what you are being made to do. Maybe he should just pack his things cos this is not what being a father is about. I love you very much [REDACTED]



7:51pm



Thanks I'm sorry if anything happens



7:53pm



It won't don't worry. But doing the statement so [redacted] has a dad around is the wrong way to do it.
Xx good night

Seen 8:07pm

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