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MY EXPERIENCE WITH BEING STALKED AND DEALING WITH VICTORIA POLICE

In 2013 at the age of 18 I contacted police because I needed help, My partner at the time had become very violent and abusive. He had physically assaulted me In front of my child and installed tracking software on my phone, I feared for my life. Police took out an intervention order on my behalf which prohibited the offender from stalking me amongst other things. The offender was released within hours and instantly contacted me and made threats. He demanded I reinstall the tracking software on my phone.

In the year that followed I received threatening phone calls, death treats, I was physically assaulted, and was told my by abuser that he knew where I was, he contacted my friends trying to find information about me. My abuser made multiple Facebook accounts to attempt to view my profile, He breached the order in every way possible, only to still walk free.

I genuinely feared for my life, to be honest I still do

One night I received a call from him saying he knew where I was, my friend had given him my address and he was going to slice me open from one end to the other, then take my child. I immediately called 000 the operator took all of the details and was aware there was an active intervention order, around twenty minutes later the local police called me and said "if he isn't there we cannot attend, you will need to come in and make a statement if you wish" "if he turns up call back"

I asked if their was any way police could attend because I was fearful he has physically assaulted me previously and I'm scared he will kill me, the police blatantly refused to attend.

I was left feeling unsafe, ignored and alone.

I had text messages showing the death treats, recordings of the phone calls, voicemails that contained threats all of this I took to police , the police took copies of this evidence, I made a statement detailing the physical assaults and the police issued warrants.

The offender found out, he actually called me and proceeded to read out my police statement (he was given that by police) and made more threats.

The offender skipped state to NSW then QLD still continuing to commit violent offences one of which he was found holding machete attending a riot. He has also shared photos of himself with a firearm. I have reported this to Victoria police.

This dangerous person is still walking around free.

How can the risk of this be reduced

- National recognition of warrants to do with stalking and other violent offences, so offenders can be charged regardless of where they choose to hide.

- National database of persons charged with stalking offences

- Mandatory ankle monitoring bracelets for offenders who do make threats to kill or actively stalk

- Mandatory mental health assessments of offenders with mental health plans to reduce future risk and help offenders access mental health treatment

- Help for victims of stalking to regain their life after the abuse. This could come in the form of self defence classes, counselling services, social workers, help to relocate and find housing/work.

Once you have been stalked, harassed and threatened you never lose that sense of fear, these changes could help reduce that fear. People deserve to feel safe, I deserve to feel safe.

Thank you.



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