"Stalking Submission"

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We have been the victims of an alleged persistent stalker who will not leave us alone and to date we have not been able to get some appropriate help to sort it out. Based on this we are of the opinion that there should be a resource (other than police) where victims can go for serious help on how to manage the situation. In our experience a "Personal Safety Intervention Order" (PSIO) doesn't help it provokes the perpetrator and the victim is left floundering on what action they can take to protect themselves. Also the PSIO provides the stalker with a legal link to the victim and in our experience it provides them with an added incentive to keep stalking and gives them self gratification.

We think that there should be an official website that provides help; advice; assistance etc for victims of stalking. This website should also provide victims with ability to get specific counselling which could involve advising the victim on how to stay safe. There also should be some type of free book (on how to stay safe from a stalker) available to order from the website. Currently there is a small leaflet available from Department of Justice entitled "Stalking" but it is not available in all police stations and to date we've only seen it in one police station we've attended for help with our own matter. This leaflet is only very brief and does not cover things like technology such as drones which can be used to stalk a victim in whole different manner.

Also there needs to be change/education for the police with the way they treat victims of stalking. We have experienced many negative responses/disbelief of what is occurring to us from the police. It is bad enough being stalked remotely and physically and continuously harassed without having to put up with prejudice from the police when you finally approach them for guidance/assistance. We have found their approach in general is to:-

- Commonly don't take it seriously/disbelief;
- Shun the victim;
- Postcode lottery as to whether you get the help you need to address the situation;
- They put everything down to hyper vigilance;
- They don't give out the "Stalking" brochure by the Department of Justice;
- Victims Support inform you to keep going to various police stations until you get some appropriate assistance with the stalking and the other police stations tell you to report it only where it is occurring;
- They push the victim to obtain their own PSIO and inform the victim that is the only option to deal with a stalking situation and then don't inform the victim that there could be serious repercussions from the perpetrator. We feel that the PSIO isn't a one size fits all option;
- If the perpetrator is using technology such as drones; lasers; mobile phones; hacking computers etc for stalking their only answer is to report it to ACORN; and

 Dismissal of the victim and the police put it in the to hard basket and accuse the victim of attention seeking - on a personal level we have been directed by some police not to call 000 too often otherwise they'd classify us as a nuisance;

From our experience if stalking incidences are occurring in different localities from the one perpetrator they are all treated as individual incidences rather than one case file. In order to fix this a victim should be allocated a special case file number that they can quote when reporting stalking at other police stations so all stalking reports are combined which will then indicate a pattern of behaviour that is occurring from the perpetrator.

With regards to the police we feel that approaching them for assistance is a real last resort option that you don't want to explore. It is not worth the grief and putting yourself through the ordeal. It is hard enough dealing with a stalker without trying to explain a complex stalking story to multiple police on numerous occasions only to be treated very badly by some of them.

This is brief overview of our story which we feel is important to tell so one can gain an understanding as to why we have the above views. Please note all information provided in the following submission is "alleged only".

We are both in our 50s. Prior to this we lived and worked in Melbourne - my husband had a full time job for 26 years and I worked

finishing up when I got married. We lived in a residence in one of the suburbs of Melbourne and had lived there since the early 1990s event free. Then in approximately 2011 a couple moved into a residence next door. Unbeknown to us at this time they were allegedly mentally unstable/into drugs/computer hackers and owned a variety of drones.

Right from the start of them moving in they began allegedly portraying strange behaviour and it began to escalate over a period of time. It allegedly involved the following:-

- Allegedly spying through custom drilled holes in our shared brand new fence line;
- They allegedly set up surveillance on us in our backyard using a driveway monitor that would alert them
 to our presence in our backyard every time we opened a door or stepped out there (it would sound of a
 alarm alert in their house);
- The female would allegedly prank phone call us and also somehow intercept our outgoing calls pretending to be the person/authority we'd called for example she pretended to be a mediator from a Magistrates Court she was abusive and accused us of spying/taking car registrations on the neighbours;
- They'd allegedly sneak around and move our front door mat on various occasions;
- They'd allegedly put their rubbish into our rubbish bin filling it after it had just been emptied by the Council so we couldn't use it;
- They allegedly began filming us first with iphones and ipads then they installed zoom pan tilt cameras to film us in our backyard and then they progressed to various types of drones such as a birdlike drone; a dragon fly like drone; a nano drone; a massive white drone and a medium type drone;

- They allegedly abused and threatened our dog (even allegedly getting their extended family in on the act) eventually allegedly following through with their threats poisoning him- and the male perpetrator came around to our front door to intimidate us on the morning after it happened standing there with angry demeanour his fists clenched at our front door;
- They allegedly flew drones around our property at all hours of the night to film; listen; record and harass us;
- They allegedly flew the dragon fly drone around in the day time and would sit it to spy and watch us this has been ongoing to this day;
- They allegedly started hacking our computer; mobiles phones; ipod etc;
- They allegedly pointed illegal strength burning lasers at us in our backyard and at our security cameras;
- They allegedly set up an electrified fence around the perimeter of their property including our shared fence line;
- They allegedly began following us in their cars;
- They allegedly started researching us looking at our extended family's social media and made a physical appearance at our respective mother/mother in law's house;
- They allegedly broke into our backyard climbing over the fence on ladder to put acid on our barbeque (we feel this was done as part of the revenge for us obtaining a Interim PSIO) and they also poisoned a leucodendrum;
- They allegedly put paint overspray up our garden hedging on our shared fence line;
- They allegedly verbally threatened us on several occasions for example a shovel was waved menacingly like a weapon at us with words to the effect of you'd better fucking watch out we're going to get you; you're a fucking ugly bitch; get back to your dirty little hovel you fucking c...t; you'd better fucking watch out I am going to make the rest of your fucking lives a misery etc;
- They allegedly stole pre paid mobile phone data and pre paid internet data;
- They allegedly hacked our electronic devices that weren't even attached to the internet at the time using Bluetooth; wireless etc and broke into our house to load a custom made root kit onto our computers;
- When they allegedly broke into our house (unbeknown to us at the time) stole passwords to online accounts that we had sitting beside the computer on a running sheet they also stole documents and a news article that we'd obtained about the male perpetrator;
- They allegedly obtained/hijacked our codes for our car remote control signals via the airwaves and with their abilities duplicated them - so they can break into our cars - which they have done on various occasions since we have moved. On one of these instances we have obtained a Notice to Victim from the Police;

- They allegedly jammed our digital cameras with an illegal jammer so we couldn't photograph what they
 were doing to us;
- They allegedly hacked our extended family's mobile phones/ipads/laptop etc;
- They allegedly hacked into our email deleting things;
- They allegedly hijacked our Ancestry.com account deleting things and obtaining personal information;
- They'd allegedly be out in the garden in the middle of the night with drill at all hours setting up various surveillance cameras to film our property/car park and our elderly neighbour's residence;
- They allegedly sent us fake letters pretending to be authorities;
- They allegedly parked their car outside our unit and our relatives respective houses to hack the respective computers/internet;
- They allegedly drove erratically up the public road screeching a burnout making angry gestures at us and our extended family;
- They allegedly drove erratically up to a pedestrian walk not giving away to us;
- They allegedly wouldn't give back mail of ours that the incompetent mail man kept putting in their mail box despite us complaining to Australia Post etc;
- He allegedly followed my husband in the car road raging and allegedly wasn't charged despite the PSIO;
- He allegedly followed me in his car and drove dangerously to close and pulled up behind me making a cut throat gesture; and
- They allegedly made themselves look like a victim by calling the police and making an alleged false report based on lies and then took that to the Magistrates Court to allegedly enable them to get a responsive PSIO (full of lies).

The above events occurred from approximately 2011 - 2017. We approached the police for assistance at least ten times throughout this period and received no satisfactory help. In the end we were told all we could do was take out a PSIO. The police brushed us off and told us it was just a neighbour dispute and didn't recognise and/or inform us it was actually called "Stalking". We didn't even know that it was called "Stalking" as we'd never come across such craziness in our respective lives until then.

Towards the end of 2016 the stalking behaviour was escalating. First of all we went to one set of Police and they told us to "grow up; work it out and go and sort it out by talking to the perpetrators". AND then the perpetrators allegedly poisoned our dog - so after discussing this escalating situation with our mother she told us to see a particular policeman at a particular police station giving us his card - as she'd received two sexually explicit stalking letters and this policeman had given her a Notice To Victim. In hindsight we believe these letters were allegedly from our alleged stalker as he'd been allegedly seen hanging around her residence parked in a black sedan on various occasions by all of us (our family) and he would allegedly fly the drone around her property regularly.

So we went to see these recommended police and we couldn't see that particular policeman - and after explaining our situation we were told to get a PSIO and a security camera. We did both things the police advised. However we did not do the PSIO straight away as we thought it would make the situation worse. Upon installing the security camera we were then alerted to what they were allegedly up to which involved nightly lasering of our backyard our garden hedging trees and our security cameras; and flying drones around our backyard every night sitting them outside open windows so they could film and listen to us etc.

In early 2017 we decided based on the advice of the police to try and sort the situation out by talking to the resident (alleged stalker) over our 3 metre shared fence. Which entailed us asking them to stop with the harassment they were inflicting upon us or we'd have to take some type of legal action to which they allegedly replied "you try that then and see where that gets you - you're imagining things as per usual". That was the end of the conversation. This then resulted in them calling the police to try and get us charged. They allegedly lied to the police about what had actually occurred. After we talked to those particular police we explained to them what these alleged perpetrators had been inflicting upon us. They informed us of our right to get a PSIO and stated that there would be no charges laid. As we already had the PSIO paperwork (obtained in Dec 2016) we began completing it and made an appointment with the Magistrates Court.

We saw the Magistrate on the same day and he granted us an immediate Interim PSIO over the male only-the Court Clerk said we could only take out one PSIO on one of them and we chose the male - this was not very satisfactory as the female was equally involved with the alleged stalking of us. Also the PSIO application the Court Clerk filled out was not a big enough form to put all the stalking incidences down so she left out the poisoning of our dog. Also when we were typing up our application at home the night before the perpetrators began allegedly hacking our computer and tried to gain access to a pass worded diary we'd been keeping about their behaviour under the pretence that they were Microsoft. The computer was not even online at the time this occurred. We were of the opinion that when they allegedly hacked our computer they also allegedly read our PSIO application and copied some of it using it as a template to create their own PSIO application.

After the male was served with our PSIO he stopped his stalking; droning; lasering for a total of three days only and then began again on the fourth day with a vengeance. So of course then they both went to the Magistrates Court to obtain a responsive PSIO over us. The male was only granted applications over both of us and the female was granted an immediate Interim PSIO over me not my husband. They both told the Court a big bunch of lies. There was not one bit of truth in their whole statement.

Due to their alleged escalating behaviour we decided to take action to help ourselves as we couldn't live normally and peacefully beside them and their madness and clearly the police and system of justice was not much help. First of all we put our property of 23 years up for sale and we both moved out straight away moving to our respective families (one in Melbourne and the other in country Victoria) to deescalate the situation. Eventually we quit our employment and moved to country Victoria in the hope to put an end to the stalking.

It must also be noted that the Interim PSIO did nothing to improve things. It allegedly made the male perpetrator angry and the day I left to move to the country he allegedly followed me in a small brown SUV tailgating and when at the intersection in the rear view mirror he was doing a cut throat gesture. Then he allegedly rang my mother calling himself Xxxxxx (our solicitors for the PSIO were called Xxxxxx Legal) and asked her if any of her family had had a car accident. Then he allegedly followed my husband in his car

(when he was on his way to visit me in the country) road raging and tailgating nearly causing an accident at a set of traffic lights. This was reported to the police with a statement and he was allegedly never warned/charged. We also allege that the female called the police on my husband when he attended our premises to clean up the garden whilst selling our residence - my husband had heard her in her home/backyard banging around and observed the police knocking on her door and her not answering it despite being there as he drove off after attending to our garden and my husband was of the opinion that she'd allegedly falsely called them on him and as he'd left and she knew this she then refused to answer the door to the police.

In early 2017 we went to the Magistrates Court re the Interim PSIO - we engaged the services of Xxxxxx Legal. The perpetrators turned up allegedly sniggering through the whole process. They had allegedly obtained free legal help in the form of a Dispute Services Officer who'd driven several hours from a country Magistrates Court to help them. We found this to be rather strange as we'd been informed that no free help was available and yet they (the male was employed in a well paid job) had obtained this free help - it was like they knew the right people and processes.

So what occurred was our solicitor spoke to their representation and then informed us that as we were moving that apparently we wouldn't be entitled/granted a PSIO over our alleged male stalker and the perpetrators wouldn't drop theirs unless we dropped our PSIO over the male. The whole situation was ridiculous they got their own way and managed to make themselves look like a victim. They also managed to get some personal information about us (i.e., when we were actually moving and the date we'd actually sold our property). And then when we went into the Magistrates Court the Court Registrar running the proceeding announced that the respective PSIO's had been dropped and then she personally addressed them - stating "Congratulations Mr and Mrs Xxx - well done for dropping the PSIO". All of this appeared to be crooked in our eyes - our alleged perpetrators were receiving help and praise and we were left to flounder. As stated the alleged stalkers thought the whole process was allegedly funny sniggering throughout. In fact that Court Registrar and that Dispute Settlement Officer had allegedly just given them both a green light to keep on stalking us and that is exactly what has been occurring to this very day.

So we sold up packed and moved to country Victoria naively thinking that we'd be far enough away that all the stalking would stop - but we were wrong. We took measures to keep ourselves private such as silent elector status; a PO box; a private phone number etc. We also changed our mobile phone numbers several times to try and get rid of our stalker however he allegedly knew about this and began allegedly spoofing to our new mobile phone numbers pretending to be our respective mothers so we'd answer and he'd get our new phone numbers. He also allegedly sent us some text message approximately three months after the PSIO was removed with the word "KALMA" written on it. He also allegedly hacked one of our mother's email addresses and read a pest inspection report we'd done on our new home - so consequently got our new address straight away. On one of the first occasions we delivered some of our contents to our new home via a trailer - he allegedly sent a creepy blonde male dressed in fluro work shirt (note this is one of his tactics he uses - getting the "callers" he wants to harass us to dress in that fluro work shirt uniform) to come and sit up end of our road and watch us unload our contents and then took off. They even allegedly took a holiday two doors down in an Air B&B we had security vision of him walking past our new property and his child poking her tongue out at our security camera.

Also the small town we now live in only has police here sporadically and our alleged stalker appears at all hours of the morning (i.e. 3 am) flying drones around our house and backyard. So the drones, lasering,

electronic stalking, following, hacking, breaking into our vehicles, harassing phone call etc has followed us up here. The local policeman said he'd never seen a drone around here until we turned up and it was flying around his house which he wasn't happy about.

It has become apparent that this stalker is allegedly very "well connected" with other similar types around our area where we are now living and the harassment is ongoing to this day. He is allegedly very adept at breaking and entering into one's house/vehicle - which he has allegedly done to us on several occasions despite us to taking measures to get locks changed by a locksmith; installing security camera system/alarm. We have found that he can pick any lock to gain access; jam security cameras etc. Also our stalker is allegedly very experienced in the methodology of covert stalking he knows every trick in the book and more. We believe that due to these facts that he has allegedly done this type of thing before and may not have been caught, but most definitely needs to be on the police radar. In fact we spoke to a member at Police Standards, Victoria and his opinion was this stalker most definitely should be on the police radar.

Please note all information provided in the following submission is "alleged only". Since moving to country Victoria the following has allegedly occurred:-

- The male perpetrator allegedly got his hacker mate to follow us to a Library in Melbourne when we were visiting relatives in Melbourne and allegedly install tracking/spy ware onto our smart phones the perpetrators rang each other whilst they were doing this and we over heard their conversation. The male perpetrator on the other end of the phone was heard saying what is she looking at to which the hacker replied she's looking at the Trend Virus Software Web Page (which I was) in Internet Explorer; then the hacker said I can't believe they're so fucking stupid they didn't even know I was following them in their car; then the hacker said I'll set them up on the CLOUD for you; the hacker then mentioned a password "St Christopher" then they both began speaking in another language. We got the hacker's rego and reported him to the library that night whilst we stayed the night with our relative in Melbourne our stalker allegedly flew his big drone around her house;
- Shortly after this whilst visiting our relative in Melbourne once again our stalker allegedly flew his big drone around her house flying the drone into her carport around the house checking out our car which was parked there we have a photo of this. He seemed to know when we were there visiting and always made an appearance with his drone. It must be noted he only lives approximately one kilometre away from her. He also allegedly was listening to our conversation with our relative that was about him and his antics and then he allegedly hacked our relative's' ipad using "Siri" to communicate with us saying "I heard what you just said. YEAH";
- That same night at 12.30am the male perpetrator allegedly rang our newly connected private home phone (the phone number was only given to immediate family when connected) with a verbal threat "what you fucking don't get is you're fucking tampering with THE BIG TIME. I've got lots of fucking callers. SO FUCK OFF" -upon advice from Telstra we reported this to the police and they allegedly didn't take it seriously just brushing us off saying everyone gets prank calls.
- Then a couple of days later a "caller" appeared he was a scary dark skinned large muscle male (dressed

¹ Callers - Note the Stalker uses this word to describe someone who he will send to come to our front door or to follow, stalk, hack, harass or threaten us on his behalf.

in fluro work gear) he came to our front door and he didn't knock; he just stood at the door looking around whistling some creepy tune while my husband was away at work - my husband reported this and showed the police a still shot of the this man and the policeman's comment was - that is strange/unusual we don't usually get that type around here;

- The male perpetrator allegedly then sent us a Bluetooth gun-like image on my old nokia phone;
- We started having problems with our banking that we believe was because of our alleged stalker (as we believe that he allegedly worked within the banking sector). This was in the form of some mysterious person ringing our phone banking and accessing our account information without our consent and they obtained balance details nothing was stolen and we reported it several times to the bank and the police and as nothing was stolen we were informed there was nothing they could do to help us so we had to help ourselves in the form of changing pin numbers; getting phone banking removed from our accounts etc;
- So then we had a very bad stalking experience on a Friday when we went to a local town to change our banking details/new pin numbers/remove phone banking etc. We noticed a suss looking van following us and parked next to us as when we were eating lunch at the lake .The occupants looked very like our alleged stalkers (which we noted to each other at the time) they had baseball caps on and baggy type tracksuits as well - and unbeknown to us at the time they allegedly flew/sat a nano drone on our car (we found this out later after reviewing our dash cam footage). Later that evening we started driving home in the dark and on our way home we heard a massive explosion and our back window had been shot out with a 22 rifle/gun. Luckily for us we were going fast and the bullet didn't hurt either of us. We pulled over in the next small town petrified and the local store owner encouraged us not to call 000 as the police would take hours to come in his experience and we'd be waiting there in middle of nowhere unprotected for hours so we had to drive home panicking all the way - fearing for our lives. Upon arriving home we were greeted with a drone sitting on our driveway watching us put the car away (with its blown out back windscreen) - we were aware of this fact due to our dash cam footage. Then we called the police (no local police were in our town at the time). The response from police was inadequate. They didn't take a statement; they didn't give us a Notice to Victim; they didn't look at our vehicle. So my husband went to see the police the next day and the policeman's opinion was that due to the freezing temperatures a bullet had been shot at our car and had hit our back window of our car glancing of it causing it to explode. The policeman offered no further assistance and did not mention anything about a PSIO. Then on Monday morning I dropped my husband off to work early and while driving home allegedly came across our male stalker. He was allegedly sitting in a small SUV (the same vehicle I'd seen him in previously in Melbourne). He was allegedly parked outside my father's nursing home flying a drone with an ipad. Upon realising it was my alleged stalker I swiftly did a u turn trying to get his rego. He took off speeding away and pulled into the Petrol Station. I drove past and got his rego observing him get out of the vehicle leaning across his car staring at me laughing. I drove up to tell the local police but they weren't there. So not knowing what to do I just went home and did nothing. It must be noted that shortly after this when we went to pick my father up from the nursing home for a day out he told me that our ex neighbour came in to see him. My father described him as being my height with dark hair. My father said this individual had spoken about me (his daughter) stating he was concerned for her. We mentioned this to the police later on and they dismissed it stating it wasn't possible.
- So on the Wednesday the police were there so I went into report how I'd allegedly seen my stalker. And I

was confronted with nothing but an alleged misogynistic attitude and it was so bad that it made me cry. I was told the following:-What actually are you here for? That photo you've got is rubbish; Like I told your husband (which the police didn't) the only way to fix this is to get a PSIO which the Magistrate won't grant you anyway as you've got no proof anything is actually happening; Get out of here Victorian Police are done with you. So I left and we went over to the local court in tears and the Court Clerk gave me paperwork for a PSIO and told me that what the policeman had said was incorrect the Magistrate would grant me a PSIO as our stalker had rang our private telephone with a threat - that was enough to have it reinstated. I was to scared to follow through with the PSIO as he'd allegedly just shot a gun at us and to me a renewed PSIO would make it worse - and it could end violently;

- So from then on we have just had to put up with what has been occurring and this male perpetrator has flown drones around our property nearly every night and was pointing an extra strong laser type beam in the back veranda/windows of our new home constantly. We actually caught him and his driver associate in the local park doing it and we got the registration of the car and reported it to police and the police said they were from Melbourne and we showed the police our security vision of what they'd been doing. Still nothing was done;
- We contacted Victims of Crime and they referred us for some counselling in light of what had happened. After several sessions with our counsellor she informed us that she'd had a drone following her around a local park where she lived. The Victims of Crime also referred us to a community lawyer to put in an application with VOCAT. We began this application with very little knowledge of the process - the lawyer didn't explain to us what actually was involved. She appeared to be very busy and couldn't spare much time for us and we didn't receive any guidance through the whole process. She arranged a court date for us and stated that there was a possibility that our alleged stalker would turn up at the court maybe to allegedly contest our application. She stated that she thought it was a definite possibility but it would be good because he'd have to go on the official record. Then shortly after this the stalker (it seemed like he was aware of our impending VOCAT application and wanted retribution) allegedly broke into our home and rifled through our things eating some food/beverage. Then we received an alleged covert threat in the form of an image through our cctv footage stating the following: Jewish; Lawyer; Gunnman; To Much. It must be noted that we'd spoken with a policeman who had a Jewish surname shortly before this happened about our alleged stalker and his drones. So we were petrified that this stalker would have another attempt to shoot at us again so we withdrew our application to prevent this mad man from carrying out his veiled threat; and
- Our new house has been broken into on various occasions and our stalker has allegedly rifled through personal photographs; paperwork; bank statements; diaries etc. He has allegedly interfered with all our computers and we can't even have the internet because of him. He has also allegedly helped himself to our food. He's allegedly left graffiti in our house carving it into furniture; plaster etc. At some stage he has allegedly put mobile phones in our house hiding them to stalk us -we've heard them ring at various times but cannot find them. He has also been allegedly been interfering with our telecommunications getting our phone cut off multiple times; sending fake techs ("callers") to our door and phone pit. He allegedly drew on our kitchen bench signing his initial.

This stalking is still ongoing. This year alone we've allegedly had:- drones flown around our property on a regular basis; we've had a ball bearing gun shot at our dog; telecommunications interfered with; been followed and he was allegedly loitering around/inside our car when we were picnicking; being watched when

watering garden; caught alleged stalkers in the paddock behind us with torches running off two times; driving past us at our relatives house in Melbourne when we were visiting them; allegedly hacked into a real estate agent's laptop (that we've been using to sell our relatives property) - adding my wife's phone that we don't use except for an emergency; allegedly hacked into our relative's Solicitor's computer adding my wife's phone that we don't use except for an emergency; and allegedly hacked into Spec Savers and adding my wife's phone that we don't use except for an emergency.

More recently he allegedly broke into our house whilst we were in bed asleep. Luckily we had our bedroom locked - which we now have to do because of what has been occurring. The male perpetrator allegedly did the following:

- Left some recent photographs/negatives of some people out of our past in our office one of these was an offensive nude photo;
- Left our back door open and unlocked; and
- Left graffiti on our kitchen bench with his classic signature.

We don't know what else he got up to in our home while we were asleep - he may have been in here to try and interfere with our security system - we simply don't know. The local police said all they can do is drive past when they are around here working which they have been doing.

It must be noted that our story is very comprehensive and we've tried to give the abbreviated version. Also this alleged male stalker/perpetrator still makes an alleged appearance with his drone even now when Victoria is in lockdown for the Corona Virus - he does it in the middle of the night when no one is around. We have no control over it and the police cannot do anything - we just have to live with it.

Conclusively this is scary stuff that we have had to learn to live with as it seems like we are not going to get justice any time soon. We just pray that we don't end up being hurt by these alleged mentally ill stalker/s - that are allowed to continue merrily on with their lives with **no consequences** for their actions.