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When I first went to a QP station to report that I was experiencing DFV, I was told by the attending officer that the recording that I had "just sounded like a messy break up" and that he would have to contact my PUV to check with him what was going on. This police officer did not even ask if I had a safety plan in place. I left feeling hopeless, the following week after fleeing the house where i resided with my PUV, I went to a different police station, again I went through the steps of trying to tell my story of DV which included sexual assault/rape, coercive control, gaslighting and so much more. I showed text messages and I sent through to the police all the voice recordings of where the PUV admitted to perpetrating violence, including one recording where the PUV stated " I didn't rape you, I just missed the cues, and how many times are you going to make me apologise for that". The police came to the house with me while I got some of my personal items as the PUV had changed the locks, so I was unable to access the property. Once I was gone from the property, they spoke with the PUV. Nothing more was followed up with by the police, and when I requested a copy of the report through FOI, their comments about everything stated that the evidence that I was given was tame, that they were not at the propety when I gained access, and that they had excused everything away because the PUV had stated I had PTSD and I was mentally unstable. So often victims are not believed, and most police officers on the frontline do not have an understanding of the experiences of the victims. This is why we have such a high rate of women dying at the hands of men. If police officers are going to have the powers to place a DVO on someone, they need significat levels of training, so they are not groomed by the PUV against the victim.