

This incident/s occurred in 2018/2019 while I was an apprentice driving my own vehicle to different sites in Greater Brisbane area. I was driving on Old Cleveland Road in Coorparoo and was pulled over for a random drug and alcohol test. The test returned a positive result for THC to which I was surprised as I had not consumed any THC. I was then escorted to the police station where I explained that this test was inaccurate and I would be willing to take another more reliable test. A different test was given at the police station that showed I did not have any THC in my system and I was taken back to my car and free to go.

In the following months after that incident I was pulled over 4 other times for a random stop and routinely drug and alcohol tested. The first of the other times I didn't think much of it.

The next time I noticed the police car in traffic behind me and watched it weave through the cars to manoeuvre behind me and proceed to pull me over. I asked on what basis do they make the decision of which car to randomly pull over and was told "you were just the car in front of me".

I explained that I saw him manoeuvre behind me before pulling me up and was told that I "must be lucky".

In the next 2 incidents I started to feel harassed and voiced this concern. The response from the police was mocking and condescending telling me I had no grounds as they were routinely doing random stops.

Worried that this would not stop, I decided to register my car in my partner's name (white Australian lady) and I have not been pulled over since.

This is the most recent event in my lifetime and, to be honest, not the worst.

It is difficult because there is usually an authoritative figure involved which gives you a feeling of having nowhere to turn if you do have the need to report it.