

INQUIRY INTO SUPPORT PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

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Police did not contact me re my mothers murder. My police liaison officer never contacted me. I was not kept up to date re the investigation. I asked for details off documents the police had re funeral arrangements & contact details off mums phone the police had to help me organise the funeral & I was not given the information I requested. I was not asked to give a statement until I insisted 2 weeks after the murder. As I am the immediate next of kin (daughter of murder victim & sister of murderer) this was unacceptable & I consider wrong. I understand the police can only pass on certain information but I never asked for anything unreasonable. I know they were told my name, relationship & contact details by several other people who were notified on the afternoon of being called to my mothers murder but I was not contactex & eventually had to ring the police when I found out from my children & ex husband 8 hours after the police attended the crime scene. I was told a police liaison officer would contact me & keep me up to date. I was not contacted & eventually I contacted the police again a few days later. I also was not approached to give a statement until I instigated it 2 weeks later. I have had no contact or help at all from the police since then (August 2018). Not even to be notified for the pre-trial on 3 April 2023 -today. Having to blindly work out the funeral details & not being able to contact all Mums friends due to the police refusing to pass on the information I needed which did not compromise the case added to the grief & stress I was already coping with. The DPP has sent me the rourine updates regarding the progress of legal proceedings but contact regarding anything else has been limited & normally instigated by me as no other information regarding my & my childrens potential involvement in the legal proceedings has been addressed. I have never been officially informed I would be a witness in this case. Obviously I assumed I would be but there has no formal confirmation of this. The DPP only contacted me on 30 March 2023 (pre trial on 3 April 2023) & it was an abrupt, rude email accusatory in nature not really advising me of anything, no details or official information. I had informed them in a reply to their email regarding the April trial in December of my non-availability & the only response I got was that they would make note of that & pass the information on to the necessary parties. I did not & have not received any other details regarding the trial & my possible involvement in it until 5 days ago. The Victim Support group had been wonderful but unfortunately they could not help me much dealing with police & prosecution but their initial support & attentiveness was wonderful & of course the financial assistance was helpful & much appreciated. I did tell them after awhile that it was not necessary to continue contacting me as it was causing me stress & just reminding me of the trauma & frustration tbe whole event has caused me. And continues to cause me!!!!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 8 April 2023 8:24 PM
To: Legal Affairs and Safety Committee
Subject: Re: Thank you for your submission - Support for Victims of Crime

Thank you.

An addendum to my submission (as I could not write it all in the available box):

My daughter actually found out about my mothers murder via the media at about 6pm 2 August 2018. She went to the scene & was treated appallingly by the police. She then contacted her father as he lived close. When he arrived at the scene he identified himself to police. He was told that family members had been contacted. NO ONE in the family had been contacted by police!!!!

I was told by my husband at 8:30pm & I then contacted police.

From the start to now we the family have been ignored & treated as persona non gratis by all involved except the victim support group.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 3 Apr 2023, 07:57 Legal Affairs and Safety Committee, <lasc@parliament.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Thank you for your submission

A copy is enclosed for your records.

Regards

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