INQUIRY INTO SUPPORT PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

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from the time i arrived to see my wife,s battered body laying under a tarpauline on the side of the road everything went wrong. I was given false information from the OIC who told me your wife will not get an autopsy like you see on the tv, these days we scan the bodies not cut them up, when i rang the coroners office i was told different, she will be cut up!Next i asked why the tow truck was where is was as i couldnt get to say good bye with out the truck driver less than 6 feet away leaning out of his window gauking at her. the police said they are ok where they are, yet in the police mans declaration of events he said otherwise, lies.i went to every Magistate hearing couldnt hear what was said, and she was never locked away until she was sentenced 2 years later, laughing and joking with her lawyers at all the hearings. Then i was told she would be charged with manslaughter, and with the seriousness of it, it would not change, then at the last minute it was changed to causing death by dangerous driving, she was on the wrong side of the road in a 60km zone doing 140km plus, alchohol level of the scale and drugged up with cocain.they didnt even take her licence of her? i was informed that i would be kept up to date with what is happening, when she was sentenced i was also told she would not appeal her sentence, but if she did i would be told, she appealed her sentence the same month as she was sentenced, i didnt find out until 12 months later, i only found out because i recieved a letter from the coroners office saying my wifes case still wasnt finalised, i rang them to ask why and they said because she has appealed her sentence! she was sentenced to 9 years which she has to serve 4 1/2 years, she never apolagized for her actions, except through her lawyer, who states she wa remoursful, but can not remember anything of the incident, how can you be remourseful for something you can not remember. my life ended when she was killed, she not only killed my healthy wife but me also and damaged all my family and her friends, i do not want to be here with out her, and 4 1/2 years for killing some one who has many years of life left is not right, the law is an Dickens wrote. now i know what he meant. Everything is geared towards the perp! not the victims! harsher sentences should be dealt out then maybe they would think twice about what they are doing.