

## INQUIRY INTO SUPPORT PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

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I [REDACTED] am writing this statement as Victim of Crime in Qld.  
This statement is about my experience with the criminal justice system.

I request my name be withheld due to safety issue's.  
I would like to be invited to give evidence at the enquiry.  
Due to having to submit this with not much time to prepare or seek support & a visual impairment I have done by best to ensure my privacy name withheld box has been checked.  
I would like to receive further information on the progress of my submission.

**Court Services/support Victims:**

I received no court support prior to or on the day at the Supreme Court in Brisbane.  
I was not even informed there was such a service.  
The perpetrators family took photographs inside the court room & posted on social media.  
I reported this to the police prosecutor who forwarded our complaint to which there is a fine that can be imposed.  
There was no fine imposed the family was told to remove the post.  
I feel this was wrong & a fine should have been imposed due to the distress it caused to me the victim & disrespect to our Supreme Court system.

**Public Prosecutor:**

On the court day the public prosecutor allowed the perpetrator to portray himself as a friend of my son(victim) when indeed he was not which I feel this important detail gained sympathy from the judge.  
Had this important detail been corrected I feel the Manslaughter sentence outcome may have been longer.  
I do not feel the sentence fitted the crime & the judge passed a sentence without an important fact correction.

**Victim of Crime Department 2018-date:**

I have been subjected to continuous situations relating to emails, information required that have cause retraumatization.  
Counselling removed with the counsellor that was first allocated to me via VOC that I felt comfortable with, I could disclose any feelings I was feeling.  
This counsellor resigned from relationship Australia & went into private practice.  
I was given permission to continue appts in private practice (12 appts).  
Then Voc Refused me to continue demanding I find a new counsellor.  
That meant re traumatisation, I was only able to find males that had vacancies & due to being a victim of domestic violence I was not comfortable.  
Then I was left with no counselling at all with further escalation of my mental health & left unsupported.  
Voc knew I was single, have a disability & prior stroke patient who was under even more stress with no mental health support.  
My condition escalated to include PTSD which had been newly diagnosed by my Dr during the time of no support.  
Left with no counselling prior to court & after court therefore removing any support I had which resulted in further trauma.  
18 months + it took for me to be reunited with my counselling.

Emails from Voc demanding information regarding account copies on anniversary events/close to ( my sons birthday, Mother's Day, death day of my son) therefore further traumatising a victim.

Voc need to be mindful of these events & be respectful.

Placing victims in financial distress to pay for services that do not get reimbursed for months for services that have already been approved.

I lost over \$40,000 in lost wages that I have never recovered financially from Being single that is financial ruin.

Voc are supposed to support victims instead they manage to traumatise victims further.

No continuity of officers in charge of the same victims.

To many emails get missed due to change of officers handling your case.

I have run out of time to elaborate further due to having to submit this document.

Qld Police: (2018- date)

Failed to add charges to other accomplices that were also involved/ present & who ran from the scene of the crime leaving a gunshot victim & did not call emergency services.

I feel there were charges that could/should have been imposed on those accomplices & were not.

I was informed that the perpetrators brother had assaulted one of the accomplices to recanted his statement against his brother who was charged with Manslaughter , however I was not informed charges had been laid for assault that should have been.

In my opinion the Qld police failed there duty of care to my son & the community.

I feel that due to the inaction of the police my son would still be alive today.

My son was on parole for multiple driving offences.

During this time my son was on 3 charges & due to appear in court whilst on parole.

My son was also suspected of driving a car that had crashed at Woombye June 2018 where other occupants had been injured & my son was suspected of fleeing the scene.

The Kawana police came to my home to question my son in relation to the accident.

I believe the Kawana police failed their duty of care & to contact parole for a RTP warrant to be issued which could have possibly saved my sons life.

The police failed to return my sons personal belongings after court.

The police officer in charge of the investigation stated there were so many items in the car & they were unsure of who's belongs were who's.

I was never given a list of person item to choose which belongings were my sons.

My sons phone with personal photos has never been returned & has irreplaceable photos of us that has caused me such emotional distress & loss.

To this date I have not received any of my son's belongings.

The police officer in charge of the case stated he would come & see me to discuss things further which has not happened & that was 2 years ago.

Parole Process:(2018-date)

The Maroochydore parole office failed there duty of care on so many levels/occasions

1- The perpetrator was on parole for a sentence relating to stolen guns/ammunition from a gun heist in Gympie & drug charges.

The perpetrator failed 4 drug tests & was not held accountable for failing his very serious parole conditions therefore continuing to put the community at risk.

I do not believe that this person's parole was managed effectively for a person on parole for gun charges.

Therefore putting every member of our community at risk & at the time my son was also a member of that community.

My son lost his life because the parole office at Maroochore failed their duty of care/ failed the parole conditions/ failed the code of conduct as listed in the code of conduct hand book. This includes an urgent return to prison warrant that would have indeed saved my sons life. This perpetrator that was sentenced to prison for gun charges was granted parole & due to the total failed duty of care/in action to follow serious parole conditions allowed this prisoner to escalate to Manslaughter & killed my son.

Where was his Ankle Monitor?

Parole conditions are to be imposed so our citizens in our community are safe when these dangerous prisoners are on parole.

We as citizens were not safe because parole failed there obligations as employees in the Qld parole department of Maroochydore office which includes supervisors to whom these parole officers report to when parole conditions are Breached x 4.

2. My son was on parole for multiple driving offences some were under the influence of meth whilst driving.

His parole was managed by the Maroochydore parole office.

I was present at every parole reporting appointment with the permission of my son to be in the meetings.

March/April 2018:

I was contacted by parole officer to discuss my sons choice of friends & to determine if my son was involved in drugs again/hanging out with same people prior to jail sentence.

I stated NO a new group of people also taking drugs. I stated I was concerned as my son was behaving as he does when on drugs, not coming home, uncontactable & I was very concerned.

A few hours later I received a sms from parole officer stating she is sorry I am struggling & gave me details of drug support ( I have a copy of this sms).

April/May 2018:

My son was charged in Brisbane for 3 offences 1x Obstructing police.

To my knowledge parole was not informed.

Not even 24 hours later my son was discovered asleep behind the wheel of a car with keys in the ignition near the Buderim dump by police.

The police took my son to police station & did a drug test which found high levels of meth in his system.

The police then returned my son to the car with the keys.

The police did not contact parole or hold until Return to prison warrant issued. ( one of the officers was a Nambour police where my son was known by this branch).

Charges for being in charge of a motor vehicle, under the influence of meth

Due to appear in court on the 1/7/18.

May/June 2018:

My son was directed to attend counselling at Headspace Maroochydore as part of his parole conditions by parole officer which he failed to attend any appointments.

June: Missed parole report appt, officer contacted me & I stated I was unable to contact & he had not returned home for several days.

June 2018:

My son was the suspected driver of the car that crashed at Woombye Connection rd that fled on foot where 2 occupants were transported to hospital new footage stated they were searching for the 3rd man (my son)

Kawana police came to my home to speak with my son in relation to that accident. I stated I had no idea where my son was & I was unable to contact him. Still no Warrant issued or Return to prison warrant.

June 2018:

A warrant to search my son's room was issued.

I was contacted by police via phone & my home was searched without my presence ( when the police stated they would wait for me to get home as I was in transit on my way from Noosa)

Upon return my home had been searched without my presence.

The warrant was to search for drugs.

Still a return to prison warrant was not issued & to my knowledge parole was not notified because parole did not contact me to ask the whereabouts of my son.

June 2018:

My son failed to attend appointment with lawyer to prepare for court on 1/7/18. Parole was notified & still no warrant was issued.

July 1, 2018:

My son was due to appear in court for Brisbane charges.

July 1, 2018:

I was visited at home by Morayfield CIB to inform me to go to Royal Brisbane as my son had been admitted to hospital & I need to get there urgently they waited until I had contacted family for support & to transport me to hospital.

My son was on life support at Royal Brisbane & life support was turned off on July , 2018

Parole failed their duty of care with all of these above incidents, the police failed their duty of care to liaise/ report with parole regarding their duty to enforce the laws relating to failed parole conditions & new charges of operation of a motor vehicle including another failed drug test.

The parole officers & supervisors at Maroochydore office failed to enforce failed parole conditions/ issue return to prison warrant.

My son was at high risk of reoffending that had already been identified in March 18 by parole which continued to escalate that resulted in the death of my son.

My son was also supposed to be fitted with an ankle monitor as part of his release parole conditions & it was not fitted.

My son failed 4x drug tests by parole & 1 by police with the charges of operating a motor vehicle both the original charges my son was sentenced to 8 months jail & released on strict parole conditions.

I am still coming to terms of the death of my only child that could have been prevented if these government departments had not failed their duty of care.

The police failed to act according to the law & their duty of care to the public.

The Maroochydore Parole office failed their duty of care to enforcement of parole conditions.

Duty of care to the public ensuring their safety needs are met with paroles returned to the public community with close strict monitoring of paroles.

Duty of care to reduce the risk of the parolee reoffending there risking public safety.

As a result of these gross Failed duty of care by our government departments I am left with no child, reoccurring trauma, PTSD & various other medical conditions related to the death of my son. Loss of my career of over 13 years.

I have documents to support all of my statements.

I invite further investigation of my claims.

I would like to be invited for further assistance to provide more information.

I have a disability & have found it very hard to put all of this together with such short notice & feel victims should have been given more time to respond after all we do need to emotionally overcome trauma to adequately put this together.

I also have a visual impairment & needed more time & assistance to put this together unfortunately not enough time was given to prepare.

A right that has been overlooked to victims of crime.

Your Sincerely

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