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From 'Complaints' <Complaints@ccc.qld.gov.au>

To Reece Ferrara <Reece.Storme@protonmail.com>

Date Thursday, November 4th, 2021 at 15:44

Dear Mr Ferrara

Thank you for your emails to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) dated 6 October 2021 and 13 October 2021, in which you raised concerns about the conduct of Senior Constable Dickinson and an unknown officer from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) following an incident at Goondiwindi on 4 October 2021.

Your complaint

We understand you allege that Senior Constable Dickinson and the unknown officer used excessive force towards you during the incident.

Although we may have used different words to describe your complaint, or not specifically referred to every issue that you raised, we have carefully considered all the information you provided.

We decided to obtain and consider a copy of relevant police records as well as the information you gave us. We did this to ensure that we made an informed, objective assessment of the matter.

To help you understand our process, we have set out what the CCC will do in relation to your complaint.

Decision about Senior Constable Dickinson and the unknown Officer.

We will not be taking any action in relation to your complaint about the officers from QPS.

Reason for our decision

The information you gave the CCC is not enough to support the allegations you have made, or to lead the CCC to suspect that any corrupt conduct or police misconduct occurred.

If you wish to progress a complaint about Senior Constable Dickinson and the unknown officer, you can do so by complaining directly to the Officer in Charge of Darling Downs District or via [Policelink](#).

Further information

We have enclosed more detailed information for you about:

- what the CCC can and cannot deal with, and
- our Charter of Service, which sets out how the CCC deals with complaints and what you can do if you are unhappy with our decision.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Subject: [OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE] Reece STORME FERRARA born JACOB (JAKE) JOHN FERRARA 21/07/1983

1. I stopped at the check point attached. Too upset to speak I remained silent then after directive to return to NSW I stated my brief history of circumstances incl. Issues with VICPOL. Being unable to consider emergency/urgent circumstances I advised consideration of intent to suicide. Out of desperation I stated I can be arrested or admitted.
2. Sergeant Dickinson and another Snr Cons. Both who were at least 183cm or taller and approx 90kg. I was abrupt and chastised the Snr Cons. Questioning him what he thought was funny about these events and why smiling was appropriate. He apologised.
3. Sergeant Dickinson advised me that the ambulance had arrived and we can "get this over with". I wasn't getting out of the car fast enough so he proceeded to reach in through the window, unlock the door, open it and I got out.
4. I disclosed previous to the arrest, ADHD, PTSD. The arrest will be described as follows:
5. Once out of the car I asked them " Just please don't touch me" as I was in a heightened state of arousal secondary to PTSD and the incidents I had with VICPOL.
6. Within one to two seconds of this request Sergeant Dickinson chose to:
 - a) Use his right arm to grab my mid bicep, *gripping it with unnecessary force* looking me with intent directly in the eyes from his height and size advantage. All my muscles immediately tensed and the amygdala, recognising threat of imminent harm, then pushed me into an adrenalin mediated fight/flight/freeze state.
 - b) I said "Hey that's not necessary" and he continued to forcefully hold my bicep resisting my attempt to pull it away. The other Snr. cons. With a height and size advantage and a junior Cons. More akin to my size closed in and breached my personal space. The amygdala now sensing threat to life, resulted in fear and I instinctively tried to defend myself and escape. (Flight)
 - c) I broke the grip of Sergeant Dickinson and was immediately rushed by the other two officers and forced back into my car. Being pushed so my whole body assumed the form of it and my back slightly hyper-extended, I was in this position off balance and unable to generate the force necessary or capable of to push them back. I gave an effort with everything I had to gain my balance forward but was unsuccessful. My arms were held so I couldn't defend myself.
 - d) Immediate after this push Sergeant Dickinson (on my left) Snr Cons (in slightly off centre to the left) began to knee me repeatedly to the hip to navel region while the Jnr Cons continued to pin my right arm and shoulder.
 - e) instinctively using 20 years of Muay Thai training I raised my right knee to defend the knees coming from the Sen. Cons. While being still open to attack from the knees of Sergeant Dickinson. The flaw of this technique is that you lose your stable base and, as a result compromise your balance.
 - f) I was inevitable forced to the bitumen where the Snr Cons. and the Jnr Cons. had my back pinned by a knee and controlled my hips pinning me to the road and concurrently ripping my arms behind my back. In this position it was impossible for me to do anything to them let alone save myself. I cried out, "This was not necessary... I just asked you not to touch me"
 - g) Another police officer was seen who was slightly overweight with glasses and watched the event take place. Silent. All of them had body cameras.
 - h) An unknown officer as I couldn't see, while helpless and clearly no possible threat to anyone forced my head into

the bitumen causing pain and significant bleeding. Given the positioning of the police members and their actions stated perviosuly, I can only deduce that Sergeant Dickinson forced my head into the road as he was positioned oringally to my left and by virtue of position would be less likely to be involved in restraining me to the ground as when on the ground my head was facing his side with legs towards the Jnr Cons.

I) I was handcuffed and forcibly taken to the ambulance stretcher. When I asked him why he did that, he replied "you were under arrest" or "you were being detained" I am very familiar with the mental health act and while state variation occurs the guiding principals remain the same. People suffering mental health crisis are to be death with with the least amount of force (if voluntary no force) required to transport them to appropriate health care and assessment.

7. I was led to the police vehicle with a "cage" and prior to being forced inside Sergeant Dickinson said "You are being held under an EEA" I replied "I don't know what that is" He told me what it was but I don't remember.

8. I remained in the back of the vehicle for approx 20 - 30 minutes with QAS on scene. Still feeling the effects of adrenalin I proceeding to taunt the officers, calling them cowards, requesting they punch me in the face through the window now I was cuffed and helpless, advised this is exactly the state I was in (seated hands tied behind my back), in my nightmares I had for over a year of my ex wife who would (in dreams) continually punch my face with blood pouring from it.

9. I only heard bits and pieces but there is no doubt in my mind the officers were corroborating a consistent story. I heard bits like "my cam wasn't working" "well do it like that". Enraged I banged my (now dried bloodied) head into the window and continued to curse the officers.

10. I was taken to hospital and wouldn't talk to the QAS crew, was un co-operative with assessment and succumbed to crying through into the hospital.

11. To add insult to injury and what seemed like the ultimate mockery conducted themselves as if they did nothing wrong and I was the aggressor. Sergeant Dickinson then said "C'mon Reece you used to be a Paramedic, they're Paramedics too." or similar.

12. I have had nightmares about the incident since and when I close my eyes the event remains just as vivid.

From here on I cannot guarantee my conduct when faced by police again. If they come within my personal space and dare touch me I am likely to unleash and have no idea what the possibilities may be from there on. I just hope I don't get shot.

I am not dangerous, psychotic, delusional, paranoid or anything else anyone would like to incorrectly or ignorantly deduce that I am suffering symptoms of mental illness.

I want to disappear and I need 2 nights rest in a safe place.

If I survive this all the repercussions of this legally will be conducted using all available 18 hours of everyday in pursuit of what I started. Clear my name and hold those to account. I do not need a lawyer. I have taught myself enough already to represent myself.

And send this message to the arrogant fuck heads with the bullshit on their shoulders and the shiny uniforms with the dazzling self importance.

The commissioner and his predecessors created this culture and place officers in a constant exposure to the bullshit of society without allowing them said access to police and community engagement and mentorships that might balance the resentment that builds when you demand perfection from a human and rigorously punish and shame them for snapping on an in suspecting little shit member of the public that perhaps poked the bear one too many times or has sub-clinical or clinical levels of PTSD that you wilfully lay blind to, in order to not have to pay for the mental scar your inability to associate Police with the imperfections of being human and allowing them a space where it is ok to be vulnerable and weak to recharge and view the world in a balanced way that gets the see the good in humanity and start healing the divide between police and the human beings they police.

These officers need to be accountable for what they did but don't you dare simply cut them off without each of the upper hierarchy taking a hit themselves. You are vicariously responsible for this assault by your inadequate training in, recognition of bias, risk assessment of the effects of bias in policing, mitigation and controls to reduce the harm associated with bias, teaching them how to take someone down in a planned and methodic manner that can be reproduced and adapted to any situation that results in minimal harm and psychological trauma.

This guy is a Sergeant! And all of them attacked me in an undisciplined scrap, with intent to harm but fortunately for me they have no idea how to fight let alone throw a knee which is scientifically the most devastating strike when done correctly. The power the glutes and hip can generate is phenomenal.

Arrogance and ego. The source of all evil on earth. Go have a look at yours.



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----- Original Message -----

On 4 Oct 2021, 15:33, Reece Storme Ferrara <Reece.Storme@protonmail.com> wrote:

To all,

After just being discriminated out of yet another job for being too "enthusiastic" and that I "need to talk less" I have thought a lot about this and I cannot come up with anything better. It seems to me I have two options. To go and live in isolation alone and try to survive

or

to end my life. Things like merit, honesty and integrity just ends in punishment and I can't lie or be apart of anything that is ethically or morally wrong because it makes me feel sick.

I am not writing this in a state of mental illness. I am not delusional, psychotic, experiencing a trigger of PTSD, drug or alcohol influenced, or any other mental illness symptom other than perhaps a depressed mood and affect. I am not a danger to the public. I am not mad nor am I vengeful or resenting of anyone. I write this because no matter how hard I try, how much I learn, how quickly I learn it, how humbled, how well I perform, how much extra I do, how happy I am, how enthusiastic I am, How nice I am, How compassionate I am, how ethically and morally driven I am, How much I follow the rules, Follow codes of conduct, follow policies and procedures, how much evidence I gather in support of what I say, how sorry I am for the misconduct in AV, how much shame I carry for the wrong things I did, How much responsibility and ownership I take of my behaviour, how much I confess my wrong doings, how much I call out others when they act in contravention of standards, morals, human decency, how much I love seeing others succeed, how much I compliment others, How much I encourage others to be the best they can be even if it means they are better than me, how much I see that no one is lower than me, how much that all people deserve a second chance, all people are human and deserve human interaction compassion and acceptance even if they take drugs etc, that behind every behaviour is a cause and behind unacceptable behaviour is pain, suffering, self loathing, shame, guilt, resentment, hopelessness, agony, self destruction.

Despite all these things, I will never be able to change how someone else chooses to assume who I am, my value as a Paramedic/worker/father/member of society/human being based on whatever information they have been given by others or is available to them that others provided, especially if whoever it is feels that they have enough evidence to form that conclusion without ever taking the time to simply ask me and if they need evidence to back up what I tell them then genuinely look at and consider that information or how my behaviour is different to others. It is not wrong, just different. How I was born with a nervous system that is not "normal".

The playing field has been stacked so high that I cant even compete.

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Victoria Police

IBAC

Victims of Crime

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ASIC

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BHP

Those who know I guess you are off the hook now

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