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Reference: qrchkgo5

Date: Monday, May 30, 2022**Type:** Human rights violation**Original:** English**Consent:** I am/we are the alleged victim(s), and I/we give my/our consent

Related mandates

- torture
- disability

Victims**Name:** Reece FERRARA**Type:** Individual**Sex:** Male**Date of birth:** 21/07/1983**Victim is a child (under 18 years of age)?** No**Nationality:** Australia**Email:** Reece.Storme@protonmail.com**Telephone:** +61400690987**Address:**
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Australia**Occupation:** Paramedic**Other status:** Person with disability**Affiliation or activity:** Other
Independant

Submitted by**Name:** Reece FERRARA**Type:** Individual**Email:** Reece.Storme@protonmail.com**Telephone:** +61400690987**Address:**
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Disclosure

Does the alleged victim(s) or group/community agree to have their name(s) disclosed in a letter that may be sent to the Government, or others, such as intergovernmental organisations including United Nations entities, businesses, military or security companies?

Yes - Associated communications References:

Reference: c2skihjs

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Reference: rtdhr7gb

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

I am now living in poverty and am fighting eviction from my rental property and if Anika legal cannot help me and if I cannot access the Private Rental Affordability Scheme PRAS of \$7,000 grant for hardship I will then be homeless.

I succumbed to the effects of psychological torture and in a disconnected state, smashed the windshield of a Police vehicle with no one in it. I Yelled at the Police there "Which one of you ***** is going to shoot me?!!" I surrendered without a fight and stated "I dont want to hurt anyone.". I entered a state of utter helplessness and was remanded in Jail for a total of 30 days. I am now re-traumatised (PTSD) and what I witnessed in that prison is widespread and systematic torture exactly described by Professor Melzer. It was terrifying. They routinely force prisoners suffering a mental health crisis into solitary confinement in a 2x3 meter ceter with absolutely nothing in it except a toilet, tap for water and a mattress. Nothing else is provided. The window is obstructed by a metal covering and only partial light enters the room.

I was forced into that cell for a total of 12 days. On one occasion I refused to guarentee that I was not a harm risk because I said I can't predict the future. I was forcibly handcuffed, carried against my will to the isolation cell. Hands forced into the door opening and secured while they forcibly cut off my clothing, forced the door back and I was locked naked into the cell. All because I was feeling distress and wouldnt guarentee I wasnt going to harm myself. While in the cell, the only interaction I was allowed to have was with prison guards giving food.

What made it terrifying was that I was not allowed to talk to anyone. Not my Lawyer, not the Ombudsman. I couldn't talk to my mum. I begged. They refused. They say constantly "are you going to hurt yourself?" then "this is for your safety" It is just so they don't have to explain a dead body in a prison. So they torture and punish suicidality out of you by forcing you into solitary confinement. The reason I explained it was punishment is because while in there no one talks to you. There is no crisis counselling. Just emptiness, an ill fitting "suicide proof smock" no soap, tooth paste, showering, toilet paper, and no way out until you say what they want to hear. I'm not suicidal. This occurred in the Victorian prison system. Senior Officer Slattery disclosed events in a cell block where during the Pandemic and is common place, prisoners have been locked down in their cells for periods up to 40 days straight. She told me that one prisoner set fire to his own cell. I felt sick and secretly cried. It is a surreal place. Some officers care and others have high levels of psychopathy. They are torturing the guys in there and I feel morally sick each day. They refuse to treat ADHD in prison owing to the trafficking nature of dexamphetamine. I and other prisoners didn't get prescribed medications almost daily. I was forced to go without medication (Desvenlafaxine) for a total of 9 days. I wasn't given Lisdexamphetamine until day 25 or so in prison where I lost my mind. Constantly having thoughts of gruesome ways I could kill myself (me doing it to me) like ripping my head off and stabilising my foot on my shoulder. Or a rusty blunt knife and just hacking my head off. When I asked for help, the psych nurse was dismissed and I repeatedly punched myself in the face resulting in "raccoon eyes" and bruising. I was then placed back in solitary confinement. I hand wrote complaints x3 addressed to the Governor and they all "went missing". I was not allowed to wear my personal clothing as I was a remand prisoner, they said everyone wears prison greens. They ran out of clothes so all I got was clothes that didn't fit, no socks and no t shirts.

Does the alleged victim(s) agree to have their name(s) appear in a public report to the Human Rights Council?

Yes - Reece Ferrara

Case details

Country where the incident allegedly occurred/is occurring/might occur: Australia **District:** Victoria

Please provide a short chronological summary of the incident: what happened; when (date/time); who was involved?

Please see attachments

Are there witnesses to the incident? Don't know

Is there evidence or substantiating information concerning the incident? Don't know

Has the incident been reported to the relevant authorities? Yes

Please include details of any complaints filed or any other action taken by the alleged victim(s) or anyone else on their behalf?
IBAC, Victorian Government, Commonwealth Government.

Has the Government taken action to prevent or investigate the incident, punish the perpetrators, or ensure compensation to the alleged victim(s)? No

Is this case under consideration by any other international or regional body? Don't know

torture

Please indicate where the person was seized (city, province, etc.) and location at which the torture was carried out, if known.
Victoria

Indication of the forces carrying out the torture.
Corrections Victoria

Description of the form and methods of torture used and any injury sustained as a result.
Psychological Torture

Were any person, such as a lawyer, relatives or friends, permitted to see the alleged victim(s) during detention? If so, how long after the arrest?

No only by phone call. I was not allowed to speak to anyone for the first 10 days.

What was believed to be the purpose of the torture?
Break me

Was the alleged victim(s) examined by a doctor at any point during or after victim's ordeal? If so, when? Was the examination performed by a prison or government doctor?
Yes. Correct Care Australasia.

Was appropriate treatment received for injuries sustained as a result of the torture?
No. I suffered fractured Ribs and was denied pain relief majority of the 30 days. Was refused medical care after 5pm.

Was the examination performed in a manner which would enable the doctor to detect evidence of injuries sustained as a result of the torture? Were any medical reports or certificates issued? If so, what did the reports reveal?
Medical history remains with the Prison

Perpetrators

Please specify the number of alleged perpetrators: 5

Is the identity/occupation of the alleged perpetrator(s) known? Yes

IBAC, AHPRA, Victoria Police, Queensland Police, Victorian Government Australian Government

Were the alleged perpetrators State agents or believed to be State agents? Yes

If the alleged perpetrators were State agents, were they acting in their official capacity? Yes

Additional information

I am losing my mind slowly

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3752**Occupation:** Registered Paramedic**Other status:** Person with disability**Affiliation or activity:** Other
Not sure

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Disclosure

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Yes - My life and reputation have been destroyed beyond recognition so there is nothing left that being Identified could do.

Does the alleged victim(s) agree to have their name(s) appear in a public report to the Human Rights Council?
Yes

Case details

Country where the incident allegedly occurred/is occurring/might occur: Australia**District:** Events occurred in each of the states and territories except South Australia and Canberra.

Please provide a short chronological summary of the incident: what happened; when (date/time); who was involved?

See above, Essentially crimes were committed causing harm to me and the perpetrator at the time [ex wife where we provide healthy environment since 2018 and I hold no malice towards her now] and I experienced arbitrary application of law that punished me and saw her never be accountable for any actions and never stood before a magistrate. The police circumvented the justice system and took matters into their own hands and I was denied my right to fair hearing.

I was hospitalised several times throughout 2016-2017. I have asked for help for legal representation and it was always denied or insufficient. The Tribunal failed to consider disability as a disadvantage to representing myself. I have been reduced to near poverty and will likely be evicted within the next month.

Are there witnesses to the incident? Don't know

Is there evidence or substantiating information concerning the incident? Don't know

Does the alleged victim believe she/he was targeted due to her/his Engagement in human rights, trade union, political, religious activities or other types of activities, Other status, affiliation or background

I have sent State and Federal Government information relating to the alleged Psychological torture only to have the State Government not respond and the Federal Government refer me back to the state. I was diagnosed with PTSD secondary to chronic family violence so I am being trivialised and discredited and my self-determination has eroded to be negligible.

Has the incident been reported to the relevant authorities? Yes

Please include details of any complaints filed or any other action taken by the alleged victim(s) or anyone else on their behalf?

January 19 2016 - outcome: not enough evidence to prosecute [Male receiving injury from female assault - VICPOL alleged to bias, finding of fact in Victims of Crime Magistrates court contrary to Informants version of events 2017/1756]

VICPOL outcome reprint letter 2017 08 09 Not enough evidence

May 22 2016 - outcome July 1st 2016 not enough evidence to prosecute [Male subjected to female perpetrated psychological/financial/social abuse and threats to kill - Acting Sergeant refused to take the statement with recorded audio of death threats, later punitive entry in LEAP database against.

Complaint CF/16/1922 sent 2016 August 1st - VICPOL - Outcome no wrong doing

Email sent to Minister for Police Lisa Neville 2016 Aug 3 No response

Threats to Kill outcome - Not in public interest 2017

Complaint sent to Independent Broadbased Anti-corruption Commission cf/17/3182 outcome 2016 August 18 send back to Victoria Police Chief Commissioner

VICPOL again no wrong doing 2016 09 02

Complain again to IBAC - No wrong doing

Breach of Family Violence Order 2016 12 26 female no wrong doing not enough evidence

Community Legal centre didn't have the resources to take the case.

Complaint sent to Victorian Inspectorate - No wrong doing

Has the Government taken action to prevent or investigate the incident, punish the perpetrators, or ensure compensation to the alleged victim(s)? No

Is this case under consideration by any other international or regional body? Don't know

torture

Please indicate where the person was seized (city, province, etc.) and location at which the torture was carried out, if known.

A/HRC/43/49 When I read your report in September 2021 I cried uncontrollably because it was as if you had predicted what they would do. I am working on a chronology but its conduct that occurred between 2016 - 2022. I have ADHD and it is difficult for me to summarise all this information. I have done a lot of research over the past 5 years or so and I do not believe I make this complaint foolishly. (a) "Mental suffering" refers primarily to subjectively experienced mental suffering but, in its absence, can also refer to objectively inflicted mental harm alone; (b) "Severity" of mental pain or suffering depends on a wide range of factors that are endogenous and exogenous to the individual, all of which must be holistically evaluated on a case-by-case basis and in the light of the specific purpose pursued by the treatment or punishment in question; (c) "Powerlessness" refers to the victim's inability to escape or resist the infliction of mental pain or suffering, and can be achieved not only through physical custody but also, for example, through incapacitating medication, deprivation of legal capacity, serious and immediate threats and social contexts marked by coercive control, mobbing, cyberbullying and persecution; (d) "Intentionality" is present where the perpetrator knew or should have known that, in the ordinary course of events, his or her acts or omissions would result in the infliction of severe mental pain or suffering, whether alone or in conjunction with other factors and circumstances; (e) "Purposefulness" is present when mental pain or suffering is inflicted for purposes such as interrogation, punishment, intimidation and coercion of the victim or a third person, or with a discriminatory nexus, regardless of purportedly benevolent purposes such as "medical necessity", "re-education", "spiritual healing", or "conversion therapy"; (f) "Lawful sanctions" cannot include any sanctions or measures prohibited by relevant international instruments or national legislation, such as prolonged or indefinite solitary confinement, sensory manipulation, collective punishment, prohibition of family contacts, or detention for purposes of coercion, intimidation, or for reasons related to discrimination of any kind.

Indication of the forces carrying out the torture.

Victoria Police Ambulance Victoria The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency The Victorian Government Commonwealth Government

Description of the form and methods of torture used and any injury sustained as a result.

Psychological torture spanning 2016 - 2022

Were any person, such as a lawyer, relatives or friends, permitted to see the alleged victim(s) during detention? If so, how long after the arrest?

N/A

What was believed to be the purpose of the torture?

Intimidation, victimisation for whistleblowing resources sector and now as of 2022 a public interest disclosure against AHPRA.

Was the alleged victim(s) examined by a doctor at any point during or after victim's ordeal? If so, when? Was the examination performed by a prison or government doctor?

Yes I have independent psychiatrist assessment etc throughout those years but when I started relating my experience with Psychological torture and your report, it just made their thought I was Mentally Ill stronger. I don't believe anyone in Australia is aware of the concept as I cannot find any journal articles from here about the topic.

Was appropriate treatment received for injuries sustained as a result of the torture?

I do not believe so, Australia doesn't really recognise ADHD and has only recently provided affordable access to medication for it but we still face significant stigma because we are taking stimulants. So I was labeled with Borderline Personality Disorder which never explained why I was reactive and "odd" little boy.

Was the examination performed in a manner which would enable the doctor to detect evidence of injuries sustained as a result of the torture? Were any medical reports or certificates issued? If so, what did the reports reveal?

No as stated above. I was assumed to have a personality disorder and because I still hold conviction about what happened and state I have documents to support my claims people switch off and don't have the time for the facts but they can assume I'm mentally ill.

If the alleged victim(s) died in custody, was an autopsy or forensic examination performed and which were the results?

N/A

Perpetrators

Please specify the number of alleged perpetrators: 8

Is the identity/occupation of the alleged perpetrator(s) known? Yes

Were the alleged perpetrators State agents or believed to be State agents? Yes

Ambulance Victoria
Victoria Police
IBAC
Queensland Police
Corruption Crime Commission QLD
Victorian Inspectorate
Victorian Government
Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

If the alleged perpetrators were State agents, were they acting in their official capacity? Yes

All in official duties
Ambulance Victoria Black Listing me from working in Victoria [Email 2017]

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Type: Group

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Address:
QLD

Description of the group/community (including, if relevant, number of members; number of women, men, girls and boys; indicate the group/community leader(s); other facts):

Dr Glenn McKay - False allegations to AHPRA
Michael Smith - False information to Fair Work Commission and AHPRA connected to AHPRA board members who are suspending my registration

Describe the activities of the group/community, civil society or other entity:

Private company

Members: Glen McKay (New Zealand)

Additional information

The very few people who have listened to the evidence and haven't been shocked by the magnitude and walked away have indicated my experience sounds reasonable for what was going on. The issues are the mental illness that I was suffering from in the past and not now is usually a barrier for assistance. Stigma here is quite bad.
I lost 4 kg because after I desperately tried to self-represent in Federal court to get assessment for Whistleblower status ex parte I was refused on the basis of being vexatious, I was finally crushed and I lost the last thing I had hope.
I felt severely sick all day couldn't eat and the weight was so heavy I couldn't move. My naivety has died and all the things I loved about this country turned out to be only ink on paper and never anything more than that. The discrepancies between legislation and access to those very protections is impossible unless you can afford a lawyer at \$400 per hour.
In despair I burned my passport and birth certificate and the only reason I am not in despair now is that I am still holding on to the Public Interest Disclosure and the Whistleblower actions being assessed as actionable and perhaps I can afford treatment again and variety of food again. The chronology of documents has hit 650 pages. I have digital files. The life I was capable of living has been taken away from me partly by my own

actions and majorly from public authorities. If my claims are trivialised and dismissed again then I can't see the hope in being able to provide for my 8 yo son with ADHD and probably autism.

Thank you for your work. I found that report by chance and it has enabled me to make sense of the past 6 years. I struggle with things like these and I feel that because I can't get the information out in a way that people can efficiently receive it then I miss out on an opportunity that perhaps someone would be able to help me.

Thank you for your time.

Reece Ferrara