

IN THE MAGISTRATES' COURT
OF VICTORIA AT HEIDELBERG
BETWEEN

REECE STORME FERRARA
Applicant

v

THE STATE OF VICTORIA
Respondent One

THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
Respondent Two

THE HON. MINISTER ANTHONY CARBINES MP
Respondent Three

THE HON. ENVER ERDOGAN MLC
Respondent Four

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE OF VICTORIA
Respondent Five

THE HON. DANIEL ANDREWS
Respondent Six

CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF VICTORIA POLICE
Respondent Seven

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
Respondent Eight

INDEPENDENT BROAD-BASED ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
Respondent Nine

MAGISTRATES' COURTS VICTORIA
Respondent Ten

AND
ORS

CERTIFICATE OF EXHIBIT

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| Date of document: | 11/04/2024 | Solicitors Code: | N/A |
| Filed on behalf of: | Applicant | Telephone: | 0400690987 |
| Solicitors name: | N/A | Court Ref: | P11271001; |
| email: | Reece.Storme@Protonmail.com | | P11370782; |
| <i>Magistrates Court Act 1989</i> (Vic) section 133 Contempt in the face of the Court | | | P12154228 |

Exhibit [RF0A1M] is a true copy of the Forensicare medical notes obtained by request under the Health Records Act.

witnessed before me _____, at the time of affirming
name of witness

the affidavit of Reece Storme Ferrara

FOI application

From Health Information <Health.Information@forensicare.vic.gov.au>

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

Date Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 10:53

Dear Mr Ferrara

Please find attached our decision letter and your records, in accordance with your FOI application we received on 15/02/2024.

Kind regards

Health Information Services



Health Information Services

Thomas Embling Hospital

Yarra Bend Road Fairfield Victoria 3078

Phone: 9495 9175

Fax: 9495 9228

www.forensicare.vic.gov.au

Forensicare acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land
and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

From: Reece Storme Ferrara <Reece.Storme@protonmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2024 9:18 AM

To: Info <Info@forensicare.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Request: Copy of Health Information

I would like to make a request pursuant to the *Health Records Act 2001* section 25 Right of access OR *Freedom of Information Act 1982* for a copy of my full and complete record of Health Information held by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health inclusive of any health information related reports provided to third parties including a court or tribunal under the names of:

- Jacob John Ferrara
- Jacob Ferrara

Exhibit [RF0A1M] Forensicare medical notes obtained by request written request under the Health Records Act.

- Jacob Fararra (Victoria Police error)
- Jacob Farrara (Victoria Police error)
- Reece Storme
- Reece Storme Ferrara

with the DOB: 21/07/1983

The date range for the request is estimated to be within the range of 2017 and 2023

I look forward to receiving a copy of the records within the time prescribed by the Act [45 or 30 days]. Attached is the ID documents and Pension Card

References:

Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) s 5

“health” to mean “physical, mental or psychological health”

Health records are created by health service providers for various purposes including:

- to maintain a record of a person's health history;
- to assist in the assessment and diagnosis of health conditions;
- to maintain a record of treatment given or information provided (for example by a referring practitioner); and
- to record drug dispensing.

section 29 Providing access

(1) An organisation must provide access to an individual's health information— (a)

in the case of a request to inspect the health information, or a print-out of the health information, by making the health information or print-out available to the individual immediately or at a date, time and place in Victoria specified in a written notice given to the individual;

(b) in the case of a request to receive a copy of the health information, by giving to the individual—

(i) a copy of the health information; or

(ii) if the individual agrees, an accurate summary of the health information;

(c) in the case of a request to view the health information, by making the health information available to the individual;

(d) if a request to view the health information is accompanied by a request to have its content explained and the organisation is required, or has agreed, to provide that explanation, by explaining its content immediately or giving to the individual a written notice stating—

(i) if the organisation is a suitably qualified health service provider and is willing to do so, that the organisation will be available to explain the health information at a date, time and place in Victoria specified in the notice; or

(ii) in any other case, the name and address of a suitable health service provider who will be available in Victoria by arrangement with the individual, to explain the health information.

(2) Despite anything to the contrary in this section, an organisation is not required to provide access in accordance with this section to an individual's health information of a kind referred to in section 25(3) but may agree to do so and, in the absence of such an agreement, must give to the individual an accurate summary of the health information.\

section 32 Fees

(1) An organisation is not required to charge a fee for providing access to health information under this Act.

(2) A fee may not be charged under this Act for providing a manner of access to health information (except under section 29(1)(d)) unless a maximum fee has been prescribed for that manner of access.

(2A) Despite subsection (2), a mental health and wellbeing service provider must not charge a fee to a person for providing access to health information held by the mental health and wellbeing service provider in respect of that person if the information is held by the mental health and wellbeing service provider as a result of providing a mental health and wellbeing service to the person.

- (3) An organisation must not charge a fee exceeding the prescribed maximum fee.
- (4) A person who gives an explanation of health information to an individual under section 29(1)(d) may charge a fee for the service that does not exceed the amount of the person's usual fee for a consultation of a comparable duration.
- (5) An organisation must not charge for the lodgment of a request for access.



[Mailto:Reece.Storme@Protonmail.com](mailto:Reece.Storme@Protonmail.com)

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

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12 March 2024
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RE: Freedom of Information Request for Reece Ferrara DOB 21.07.1983

Dear Mr Ferrara

I refer to your request which we received on 15/02/2024, in which you sought access to your complete files under *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

The medical record has been released to you with the following exemptions:

A decision has been made to exempt 98 clinical note entries in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1982, **Section 33(1)**. The release of these notations would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information relating to the personal affairs of a person.

A decision has been made to exempt 25 entries in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1982, **Section 35(1)**. The release of these notations would divulge any information or a matter communicated in confidence by or on behalf of a person to Forensicare. This would be contrary to public interest and may impair our ability to acquire such information in the future.

A decision has been made to exempt 7 documents in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 1982, **Section 31 (a)**. These are Law enforcement documents and the release of these notations may prejudice the investigation of a breach or possible breach of the law or prejudice the enforcement of proper administration of the law in a particular instance.

In addition to these exemptions you will need to contact MH-FIT to access documents provided to Forensicare by MH-FIT.

You may apply to the Freedom of Information Commissioner for a review of my decision to deny access to the exempt notation[s] under Section 33(1) and Section 35(1) within 28 days.

Yours sincerely

Health Information Services

Exhibit [RF0A1M] Forensicare medical notes obtained by request written request under the Health Records Act.



| VFTAC Registration Form | |
|---|---|
| Registration Date: 13 - Dec - 2023 | |
| Statewide UR No: 1320842 | VFTAC ID No: 8881154 |
| Surname: STORME | Given Names: Reece |
| Previous Name or alias (if applicable): Reece Ferrara, Jarod Storme | |
| Date of Birth: 21 - July - 1983 | Sex: Male: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Identifies as? (please circle): Aboriginal Torres Straight Islander Both <u>Neither</u> | |
| Referral Source: | |
| Referral Type: Fixated / <u>Pathological Grievance</u> / Extremist Themes | |
| VFTAC Clinician: Nicole | |
| Diagnosis upon Admission: | ICD-10 Code: |
| NB: if no confident diagnosis can be made, use Z00.4 General psych exam NEC or Z04.6 General psych exam req by authority | |
| F43.1 | |



VICTORIA POLICE

VFTAC
Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre



Forensicare

Victoria Police Complex Tower 1 311 Spencer Street Docklands Victoria 3008 Australia

VFTAC CASE SUMMARY

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|---------------|--------------|---------|--|
| Summary Date: | 10-July-2023 | Author: | |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--|

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: FOR VFTAC CLIENTS WHO ARE A CURRENT CLIENT OF AN AMHS, WE REQUEST THAT VFTAC BE CONTACTED IN RELATION TO ANY CLINICAL DECISIONS REGARDING THE PATIENT'S (INPATIENT) ADMISSION, DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER.

PART 1 – PERSONAL DETAILS

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Name: | Reece FERRARA (STORME) |
| DOB: | 21-Jul-1983 |
| Sex: (Identifies as:) | Male |
| SW UR: | 1320842 |
| VFTAC ID: | 8881154 |
| Address: | NFA |
| Contact Phone: | 0400690987 (prior to custody) |
| Referred by: | Police |
| Referral date: | 13-Jun-2023 |
| Under Existing Treatment: | GP, private psychologist |
| Legal Status & Expiry: | N/A |
| VFTAC Clinician: | |
| VFTAC Investigator: | |

PART 2 –VFTAC REFERRAL

Circumstances regarding VFTAC referral

Reece Ferrara was referred to VFTAC 7-June 2023 after a seven-year history of sending a large volume of emails to police members following police contact in 2016 in the context of a family violence matter. Reece believes that he was unfairly labelled as the perpetrator of family violence and has persistently breached the IVO via text and email.

Reece's correspondence alleges that Victoria police and IBAC are corrupt. His communication does not contain threats, however makes frequent references to suicide, and/or death by police. Reece also references grievances with APHRA, and the Austin, believing he was unfairly dismissed for being "a whistle blower" and has taken offence at some documentation received from the Austin.

Collateral information suggests that while Reece's grievance towards police spans some years, there is evidence to suggest that it has escalated over the past few months with Reece being described as increasingly preoccupied.

Reece was remanded 28-June for contravening FIVO and is currently in custody at the Ravenhall Correctional Facility with a court date set 18-July. Reece feels confident that he will be released at court.

Details of Receiving AMHS (to be completed where this summary is part of referral from VFTAC to an AMHS)

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Name of AMHS: | |
| Director of Clinical services: | Name |
| | Mobile |
| Area Manager: | Name |
| | Mobile |
| Program Manager: | Name |
| | Mobile |
| Date of contact: | |

PART 3 – SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POLICE AND MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Police Information

Reece Ferrara was identified as the respondent in Family Violence matters in 2016.

He is currently the Respondent in FVIO's protecting his ex-partner and son. FVIO's have conditions that he is not allowed to contact or approach these family members outside of family custody arrangements.

He has since held a grievance towards police as he claims to have been the victim. He has sent a large volume of emails since 2016 claiming police/IBAC corruption.

Reece has been subject to forty-seven charges recorded between 2016 and 2023 with the majority relating to contravening FV IVO's and unlawful assault. Other offending includes stalking, use a carriage service to harass, criminal damage, threats to damage property, theft, and drug possession (without prescription).

Incidents of note: In 2022 he attended the Greensborough police station and damaged a police vehicle with a hammer dressed in a motorbike jacket and glasses and hoped for suicide by police officer. Following the incident, he reported that he would return to the station "to get it done right next time."

Police records indicate Ferrara has a history of violent confrontation with police, including incidents such as the above where he has appeared to attempt to provoke suicide-by-cop attempts.

Ferrara was compliant with Police and surrendered voluntarily prior to coming into custody.

Mental Health Information

According to CMI Reece's first registration with public mental health services was in 2016 when he had a two-day admission to the Austin Hospital and was diagnosed with PTSD reportedly related to verbal and physical abuse experienced as a child, perpetrated by his father and one of his older brothers, however collateral also suggests that he was verbally abused, and threatened in 2015 whilst working as a paramedic. CMI reports two further brief admissions in 2016 to NWAMHS, when he was diagnosed with borderline personality disorder, one night at the Austin in 2017, and his most recent admission was to the Sunshine Hospital in Nov 2022. He presented to the Sunshine Hospital ED in May 2023 and was discharged with ACIS follow up. Each admission appears to have been prompted by either suicidal ideation or a suicide attempt.

In 2016 he collected his son from the airport and reported to have felt nothing for him, dropped him off at a family members house and proceeded to drive into a tree. The car was a write off, yet he was unharmed.

In 2017 he attempted to hang himself at court, and then later again in the cells, and took a rope and ran into the bush hysterical after losing custody of his son.

Admitted to the Sunshine Hospital in 2022 following the incident at the Greensborough police station.

In May 2023 he contacted his mother and reported a plan to hang himself. Paramedics were able to dissuade him from doing so, and his mother drove him to the Sunshine ED where he was discharged with ACIS follow up. During the lead up to this contact Reece had been ruminating in relation to documentation received via Freedom of Information from the Austin Hospital which referred to the presence of narcissistic traits.

He has also had contact with private psychiatrists since losing his employment, but it does not appear as though he has had contact for some time. Reece reports to have been diagnosed with ADHD and prescribed Vyvanse, however he ceased contact with his most recent psychiatrists as his request for an increase in his Vyvanse was not supported. He has maintained contact with a private psychologist, Emma Butler for some time, and has also maintained a consistent GP.

His GP reports intermittent contact and has found it difficult to find longer term mental health support for Reece. Currently prescribed desvenlafaxine, lisdexamphetamine and is accepting treatment in custody.

Reece self-harmed on the 28-June prior to his court appearance by punching himself in the eyes, resulting in significant bilateral bruising. Mr Ferrara experiences chronic self-harm and suicidal ideation, however currently denying same, feeling hopeful of release.

Substance Use Information

Reports use of cannabis and methamphetamine in the past.

Abused opioids in 2015 whilst working as a paramedic.

Denied current substance use during contact with MWAMHS in May 2023.

Please also note that if an VFTAC client is identified as having substance use issues, that they can be referred for specialist forensic Alcohol and Drug treatment to the HiROADS Program at Caraniche (funded by DHHS), on Ph. (03) 8417 0500 or hiroads@caraniche.com.au.

PART 4 – RISK SUMMARY

Current Concern Level Assessment

It is noted that, according to our evidence-based risk aide-mémoire, Mr Ferrara is currently a Moderate concern indicating that he represents a potential for pathological grievance /fixated attack, which requires further intervention.

Current Areas of Risk

Reece Ferrara is a 39-year-old separated father of a 10-year-old. He is a former paramedic who was diagnosed with PTSD in 2016 following a verbal assault while on the job in 2015, and reports to have experienced verbal and physical abuse as a child, perpetrated by his father and one of his brothers. Reece self-admitted to using opioids at work (fentanyl), and subsequently lost his employment and registration.

Reece's relationship broke down in 2016, both parties reporting to be the victim of domestic violence. Reece was found to be the respondent and has consistently breached FV IVO via contacting his ex-partner via text and email. He argues that contact has been in the context of parenting issues, denying any breaches. Reece has felt aggrieved by police since 2016 but also has grievances with APHRA and the Austin Hospital.

Reece has a history of persistently emailing outlining his grievances. Whilst the correspondence is not threatening, the volume and frequency is of concern. Reece has also persistently breached FIVO by texting and emailing his ex-partner. Again, the correspondence is more of a harassing nature, rather than threatening.

Of particular concern is Reece's chronic suicidal ideation, rhetoric around seeking "death by cop" and the use of last resort language such as "Today is a good day to die. Shoot me in the face." The 2022 incident where he attended the Greensborough police station and vandalised police vehicles was reportedly an attempt to be shot by police. He has a history of assaults and is believed to be a martial arts expert, previously spending 6 months in Thailand learning to kickbox. Reece is at risk with any contact with police and contact requires considerable planning.

Reece has referred to financial difficulties, and difficulty in finding employment, and has had periods of homelessness and residing with various family members.

PART 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide support to treating team, and GP in providing sustained support in the community
- Ongoing assessment of risk to self and others

Referral to Mental Health Forensic Assessment & Consultation Team (MH-FACT) / Mental Health Forensic Interface Team (MH-FIT)

It is noted that Mr Ferrara falls within the catchment of the MH-FIT. Further information from the Office of Chief Psychiatrist regarding the role of this team is attached.

It is recommended that Mr Ferrara be referred to this team, who will be able to assist and support mental health services with their ongoing management and implementation of VFTAC recommendations. VFTAC have enacted this referral and forwarded a copy of the Case Summary to MH-FIT. Specifically, it is recommended that MH-FIT assist with the following areas:

- Assist Mr Ferrara is sourcing accommodation
- Providing support to stakeholders and facilitate communication
- Ongoing assessment of risk to self and others

KEY CONTACTS (e.g AOD Services, MH-FIT/MH-FACT, Accommodation Support services etc):

| Service: | Key Contact Person | Phone |
|----------|--------------------|-------|
| VFTAC | | |
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| GP | | |

Established in early 2018, VFTAC is a joint initiative between Victoria Police and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that aims to provide a structured and coordinated approach to respond to serious threats of violence posed by people with complex needs, including mental illness, which could result in terrorist acts or other serious violence.*

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

It was developed with specialist input from Forensicare, Monash Health and Melbourne Health and is staffed by senior and experienced police and Forensicare mental health clinicians. These disciplines work jointly, by undertaking risk assessment and facilitating intervention at the earliest opportunity. VFTAC aims to mitigate risk to the individual and the community. If someone is also identified to have a co-existing substance abuse issue then they can be referred to the High Risk Offenders Alcohol and Drug Service (HiROADS) at Caraniche for treatment.

Please advise your staff that this centre has the strong support of the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist.

Ref: *<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/171004-New-Threat-Assessment-Centre-To-Keep-Victorians-Safe-1.pdf>

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

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Dear Clinical Directors and Operational Managers

I am writing to update you on the following components of Victoria's Fixated Threat Assessment initiative:

- Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre
- Mental Health Service System enhancements and
- Alcohol and Other Drug Services System enhancements

The Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC) has been established by the Government to provide a structured and coordinated approach to high-risk individuals with complex needs including mental illness, who pose a threat to public safety due to their risk of engaging in behaviours indicative of pathological fixation and grievances, with a high potential for violent attack behaviours. VFTAC is a collaborative initiative between Victoria Police and Forensicare, and it has been in operation since March 2018. Current staffing comprises 6 Forensicare clinicians, 7 sworn police officers and 4 other Victoria Police staff. It is a state-wide service located within Counter Terrorism in Victoria Police.

In addition to the Centre itself, the government has funded services system enhancements in mainstream mental health and alcohol and other drug treatment services. The mental health services enhancement component of this initiative is coordinated by Monash Health (Mental Health Forensic Assessment & Consultation Team) and Melbourne Health (Mental Health Forensic Interface Team). Caraniche is the provider of specialist Alcohol and Other Drug services. These services ensure individuals referred by VFTAC receive mental health and A&OD treatment and support, and that other treating professionals involved, including Area Mental Health Services, have access to specialist consultation and other assistance in undertaking this work.

Please advise your staff that VFTAC and the related service system enhancements has the strong support of the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist, and ensure that the relevant staff are informed, especially front-line Triage/CATT staff who may be the first point of contact. I would also be grateful for your assistance in ensuring that your staff understand that Caraniche is a key partner in this initiative, and that sharing of clinical information with them, and collaborative service delivery is both appropriate and expected.

Any person who has been referred to VFTAC (including those referrals not accepted by the Centre) is eligible for the Caraniche HiRoads program. You will notice that Caraniche information brochures use the term 'offender' – this is because the HiRoads program was established to work with offenders in the criminal justice system. As the VFTAC related component of work increases, Caraniche will develop a VFTAC specific brochure.

Thank you for your continued support of this important initiative.

Kind regards

Chief Psychiatrist

Office of the Chief Psychiatrist

Health Service Policy and Commissioning Division

Department of Health & Human Services

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Forensicare
VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Advice and Response Service
Heidelberg Magistrates' Court

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The Presiding Magistrate
Heidelberg Magistrates' Court

Your Honour

Re: REECE FERRARA AKA JACOB FERRARA AKA REECE STORME
DOB: 21/07/1983

Prison Mental Health Services have informed MHARS in the event that the Court determines a non-custodial disposition or the defendant is released from custody the plan is for Mr Ferrara to have voluntary mental health follow up via his GP at the Diamond Valley Clinic.

In the event that the court determines a custodial disposition Mr Ferrara will receive mental health assessment and be offered treatment by Prison Mental Health Services.

Respectfully

Mental Health Advice and Response Service Clinician
Forensicare
Mental Health Advice and Response Service
Heidelberg Magistrates' Court
Mobile: 0419 104 377



DISCHARGE SUMMARY – Secondary Mental Health

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name: | FERRARA, Jacob | Finalised on: | 13/07/2023 |
| CRN: | 229122 | MNI: | 256389193 |
| Date of Birth: | 21/07/1983 | Gender: | Male |
| ATSI: | Neither | Alias: | STORM, Reece (DOB 21-Jul-1983) |
| Interpreter: | No | Language: | English |
| Prison: | Ravenhall Correctional Centre | State-wide UR: | |

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| Disability Services Registered | Yes / No / Not known | Contact No | English |
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| ADMISSION & DISCHARGE | | | |
|--|-----|---------------------------------|---------|
| Admission Date | | Key Nurse | |
| Discharge Date | | Consultant | Bharath |
| Prison MH Service | RCC | Registrar/ Key Staff | |
| Advanced Statement | No | MHA Status | |
| Reason for Custodial Mental Health Unit Admission | | | |

| CONTACT DETAILS | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Carer Name | | Carer Contact Number | |
| Patient Contact Number | | | |
| Patient discharge address | Mernda, planning to live with his brother. Patient does not know exact address. | | |

| SITUATION |
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| Diagnosis: PTSD, BPD, Bipolar affective disorder. |
| Alerts: (Include medical conditions, allergies, aggression risk, suicide/self-harm, vulnerabilities) VFTAC contact 14/06/2023. |

SITUATION

Current Medication:

Desvenlafaxine 200mg mane
Lisdexamfetamine Dimesylate 70 mg mane
Lamotrigine 200mg nocte

Medication recently discontinued (Document reasons):

Olanzapine 10mg

BACKGROUND

Summary of Psychiatric / Psychosocial History (brief and synthesised):

Reported his upbringing is traumatic and been neglected. Reported he has been psychological abused by his birth father and physically abused by his brother. Reported history of bullying at school.

Psychiatric History

Psychiatrist History/Registration

31/10/2022 MWAHMS – Mid West AHMS
29/04/2022 VIFMH Prison Health Service
16/10/2016 NWAMHS- Northwest AMHS
15/10/2016 NWMH Triage
09/09/2016 NAMHS Northern AMHS
14/08/2016 Austin Health

Alert

VFTAC contact 14/06/2023.

Ward Admission

14/11/2022 – 22/11/2022 NWAMHS Mid-West AMHS.
24/05/2017 – 29/05/2017 Austin Health.
08/12/2016 – 10/12/2016 NWAMHS North West AMHS.
16/10/2016 – 18/10/2016 NWAMHS North West AMHS.
05/09/2016 – 07/09/2016 Austin Health.

Diagnosis

As per CMI, PTSD, BPD, Bipolar affective disorder.

FERRARA, Jacob (CRN: 229122 / MNI: 256389193, DOB: 21/07/1983, Male)

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| BACKGROUND |
| Family History Reported mother diagnosed with ADHD. Reported his brother is diagnosed with sever OCD. |
| Developmental History <small>(include history of trauma and neglect as well as considerations for PTSD/complex PTSD)</small> Reported his upbringing is traumatic and been neglected. Reported he has been psychological abused by his birth father and physically abused by his brother. Reported history of bullying at school. |
| Substance use Reported history of Opiate use from work while working as a paramedic. Reported he only used discarded medication which resulted to loss of his job and subsequently cancellation of registration in January 2023. |
| Forensic History |
| Forensic issue History of IVO History of threat to destroy June 2022 Intentional damage of property May 2022 Current Charges: Commit indictable offence while on bail. Stalking (intent to cause physical harm) NCD/EDD: 18/07/2023 Heidelberg Magistrates Court. |

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| ASSESSMENT |
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FERRARA, Jacob (CRN: 229122 / MMI: 256389193, DOB: 21/07/1983, Male)

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Presentation and mental state on discharge:

MSE

Appearance: Jacob is a 39 yrs old men of Caucasian appears medium height and built. Clean shaved head. Dressed in white t-shirt and green prison uniform. Personal care appears to be attended.

Behaviour: engaged well in conversation with good level of eye contact.

Affect: reactive

Mood: stated as "good"

Judgement: fair currently compliant with treatment plan.

Insight: fair. Patient reported that he was diagnosed with depression, PTSD, ADHD and recently Bipolar.

Speech: normal in tone, speed, and volume

Thought form: logical in his conversation.

Thought Content: There was no abnormality of thought stream or form at interview. No current paranoid or other delusional material was elicited.

Perceptual disturbance: denied perceptual disturbance.

Cognitive Assessment: alert and orientated to TPP. No formal cognition test done.

Static SASH/Risk

- History of attempted suicide via hanging.
- History of illicit drug abuse (Opioid) from work
- Chronic pain or severe illness
- Unemployment
- History of family dispute, conflict, and dysfunction
- History of impulsive and dangerous behaviour.

Dynamic SASH/Risk

- Denied current though to self-harm or others.
- Chronic physical health illness
- Recent hospital admission for psychiatrist illness
- Relationship breakdown and family instability.
- Loss of income due to physical health or lack of employment.
- Little sense of control over life circumstances
- On remand

Protective Factors

- His 9yrs old so.
- Reported mom is supportive.
- Future focused and planning to get his registration and get back to work.
- Looking forward to his release
- Secure accommodation.
- Compliant with treatment plan.



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| Treatment and Progress in the unit: Currently compliant with treatment plan |
| Recent Investigations (Relevant positives and negatives, metabolic monitoring completed) |
| Current Safety and Risk Issues: Emotionally unstable requiring constant validation and reassurance. Often attempts and express self-harm when patients feels he has been challenged. |
| Other Relevant Assessments: |

FERRARA, Jacob (CRN: 229122 / MNI: 256389193, DOB: 21/07/1983, Male)

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Formulation and Summary of key recommendations

Impression

Formally diagnosed with PTSD, BPD, and Bipolar affective disorder as per CMI. Currently compliant with treatment plan. Presented as stable in his mental state.

Formulation

Jacob is a 39yrs old men of Caucasian background the youngest in the family of 4. Reported 3x brothers. Patient is formally diagnosed with PTSD, BPD, and Bipolar affective disorder as per CMI record. Currently on job seekers benefit. Patient reported he is a paramedic by profession and worked for Ambulance Victoria for 10 years before stopped working two years ago after he was charged with some family dispute and use of Opioids from work. Patient reported police were involved with the family dispute matter. He has little trust on Victorian police and believes that they have ruined his life and stated he has been mistreated by them.

Currently under the care of RCC on remand charged for Commit indictable offence while on bail and stalking (intent to cause physical harm).

Patient reported to be using marijuana as a teenager and history of Opioid use from work (reported discarded medication) which leads to the loss of his employment and subsequently the cancellation of his licence by APHRA at the beginning of this year. Patient strongly believe that Victoria police have ruined his life and stated that he has been mistreated by them and now in the process of pressing charges against them according to the patient.

Patient reported that his main concern is a loss of his job and licence and stated that he is planning to find a job to hire a lawyer to get his licence back so he can practice. Patient reported that currently his son lives between his birth mother and grandmother and has been maintain contact with him. Reported mom been supportive.

Plan

Current rating remains same S3 -P2.

Current Observation 60/60.

Supreme court hearing for bail application scheduled for the 14/07/23.

If bail granted after court hearing patient to leave as voluntary patient.

Court hearing scheduled for 18/07/2023.

If released after court hearing patient to leave as voluntary patient.

Discharge summary to be sent to Northern Hospital as patient is planning to live with his brother in Mernda area.

discharge summary to be sent to diamond valley clinic for voluntary follow-up.

Patient is aware of available support and aware that he can ask for referral and support.

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| Discharge Service and Referral Details | | | |
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| Organisation | Northern Hospital | | |
| Appointment Date | | | |
| Contact Person | | Role: | |
| Contact details | | | |
| Copy was sent? | YES/NO | Sent via: | |
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| Organisation | | | |
| Appointment Date | | | |
| Contact Person | | Role: | |
| Contact details | | | |
| Copy was sent? | YES/NO | Sent via: | |
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| Organisation | GP Details Diamond Valley Clinic 126 Main Hurstbridge Rd, Diamond Creek, VIC 3089 Phone 9438 3888 | | |
| Appointment Date | | | |
| Contact Person | | Role: | |
| Contact details | | | |
| Copy was sent? | YES/NO | Sent via: | |
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| Documents attached | | | |
| Current Mental Health Recovery Plan | Yes | Medication Chart | Yes |
| Assessments and Reports | | | |
| Psychology | No | Occupational Therapy | No |
| Social Work | No | | |
| Other documents: | | | |
| Has a copy of the Discharge Summary been provided to the Patient? Yes / No (Include reasons why not if not provided) | | | |

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| Instructions to Patient (Including the patient's recovery goals) |
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Patient Medication Order

Ravenhall Correctional Centre
97 Riding Boundary Road, RAVENHALL VIC 3023, Australia
Tel. 03 8363 2696 Fax 03 8363 6552

Date Commenced: 13/07/2023

Date Completed: ___/___/20___

Current Medications: 4



Patient Name: FERRARA, Jacob

CRN: 229122 **MNI:** 256389193

Gender: M

Date of Birth: 21/07/1983

Medicare:

Location: Ravenhall Correctional Centre

Allergies and adverse drug reactions (ADR)

☐ Nil Known Allergies or ADR

| Medicine (or Other) | Reaction/Type | Onset |
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Existing Current Orders

Regular - Long Term Medications

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| 1 / 4 | Desvenlafaxine 100mg Modified Release Tablet | | | | | | | | | | Brand Substitution Not Permitted | | | | | | | | | |
| | Directions: 200 mg mane Oral Start Date: 30/06/2023 End Date: 29/09/2023 Indication: Anxiety Special Instructions: | | | | | | | | | | Max in 24 hrs: 200 Prescribed By: | | | | | | | | | |
| | Date | | | | | | | | | | Date | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 / 4 | Lisdexamfetamine dimesilate 70mg Oral Capsule | | | | | | | | | | Brand Substitution Not Permitted | | | | | | | | | |
| | Directions: 70 mg mane Oral Start Date: 30/06/2023 End Date: 29/09/2023 Indication: attention deficit disorder Special Instructions: | | | | | | | | | | Max in 24 hrs: Prescribed By: | | | | | | | | | |
| | Date | | | | | | | | | | Date | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3 / 4 | Lamotrigine 200mg Dispersible Tablet | | | | | | | | | | Brand Substitution Not Permitted | | | | | | | | | |
| | Directions: 200 mg nocte Oral Start Date: 29/06/2023 End Date: 28/09/2023 Indication: mood disorder Special Instructions: | | | | | | | | | | Max in 24 hrs: Prescribed By: | | | | | | | | | |
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PRN - Short Term Medications

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| 4 / 4 | Paracetamol 500mg Coated Tablet | | | | | | | | | | Brand Substitution Not Permitted | | | | | | | | | |
| | Directions: 1 g 4 times a day prn Oral Start Date: 29/06/2023 End Date: 28/10/2023 Indication: Pain Special Instructions: | | | | | | | | | | Max in 24 hrs: 4 g Prescribed By: | | | | | | | | | |
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Patient Medication Order

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Tel. 03 8363 2696 Fax 03 8363 6552

Date Commenced: 13/07/2023**Date Completed:** __/__/20__**Current Medications:** 4**Patient Name:** FERRARA, Jacob**CRN:** 229122 **MNI:** 256389193**Gender:** M**Date of Birth:** 21/07/1983**Medicare:****Location:** Ravenhall Correctional Centre**Allergies and adverse drug reactions (ADR)**☐ Nil Known Allergies or ADR

| Medicine (or Other) | Reaction/Type | Onset |
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Recently Discontinued Medications

| Start Date | Medication | Directions | Discontinued Date | Discontinued By |
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| 29/06/2023 | Desvenlafaxine 100mg Modified Release Tablet | 100 mg mane Oral | 30/06/2023 | |
| 5/07/2023 | Paracetamol 500mg Coated Tablet | 2 tablets bd Oral | 10/07/2023 | Administrator |
| 5/07/2023 | Ibuprofen 400mg Coated Tablet | 1 tablet bd Oral | 10/07/2023 | Administrator |



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Case Conference: Reece Ferrara DOB: 21-Jul-1983

Attendees:

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| | FIT, Psych Reg |
| | FIT, Key Clinician |
| | VFTAC, Investigator |
| | VFTAC, Consultant Psychiatrist |
| | VFTAC, Allocated Clinician |

Apologies:

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Background

Reece is a 40-year-old single man with a 10-year-old son from a previous relationship. He is a former paramedic who lost his employment in 2016 due to the use of Fentanyl while on the job. His relationship broke down soon after.

Reece came to VFTAC attention 7-June-2023 due to a history of sending email correspondence to VicPol members since 2016.

Reece's pathological grievance stems from police contact in relation to Family Violence matters in 2016 where both Reece and his wife claimed to be the victim. Reece believes he was unfairly found to be the perpetrator.

There was also collateral information to suggest a grievance with Ambulance Victoria and the Austin Hospital. There has been no evidence of direct threats within his correspondence, however references to suicide and the use of end of tether language evident.

CMI indicated 4 IPU admissions since 2016 with recorded diagnoses PTSD, BPD, ADHD, BPAD, and self-harm.

VFTAC referred to MHFIT 10-July who were able to assess Reece whilst in custody for breaching FIVO. Reece agreed to ongoing engagement with MHFIT.

Update:

- FIT completed a NPA 13-July at RCC.
- Agreeable to working towards simplifying his life/help seeking.
- His grievance is well entrenched, though able to reflect at times.
- Quite an unsettled few weeks with numerous contact with police and IBAC expressing to want to be shot in the face, subsequent MH transfer to the Northern 22-Sept following a welfare check
- Becomes quite distressed and very tearful.
- Pre diagnosed with ADHD. Behaviour and rigid/ black and white thinking could be explained by ASD. Robert has provided some literature on neurodiversity for Reece to consider. Reece rejects previous diagnosis of personality disorder.
- Has an appointment with a new PP in Oct who reportedly specialises in ADHD.
- Continues to take Vyvanse 70mg, and Venlafaxine.
- Nil history of harm to others and denies intent.
- Passive harm to himself. Becomes emotionally overwhelmed.
- Reports to be not eating or sleeping and has been experiencing nerve pain.
- Supportive mother, brother who has his own MH challenges. Nil discussion round current relationship with his father. Continues to love with his brother.

Court

- Court 29-Sept was likely significant stressor.
- Dismissed his lawyer with a plan to represent himself. He found this difficult to explain to Dr Ong during review last week. Appeared to be also trying to make a good impression. Appeared to feel overwhelmed and terminated the interview.
- Able to reflect that it may not be a good time for him to attend court. Agreeable to MHFIC providing a certificate for same.
- Natsha clarified that court would likely be adjourned but that he would be required to attend the Contest Mention even to request to have the matter dropped, though Reece is likely to continue to want to fight the perceived injustice.
- Robert has liaised with Peter Walker, MHARS in the event that Reece turns up to HMC regardless of medical certificate. CISP worker will also attend and provide support if required.

Lio

- His ex-partner will reportedly be taking son, Lio to Germany for the next 4 weeks. A possible stressor, but he could also feel decreased pressure during his absence.
- Reece's mother reports Reece to manage his parenting quite well and believes that he is able to pull himself together, and in the instances, Reece does feel overwhelmed, his mother makes herself available to care for Lio.
- Noted that Lio was in Reece's care last week whilst Reece was experiencing a difficult week with numerous calls to police and IBAC whilst distressed. There have been nil concerns expressed by Reece's mother in relation to Lio being in Reece's care.
- ? need for further assessment of the situation. It would not be appropriate for FIT to do so.

Psychology

- Reports to be engaging with psychologist who he has previously engaged with. Reece reports Karen to have endorsed the PTSD diagnosis and utilised ACT approached which he continues to find useful at times.
- Has provided consent for Robert to liaise with Karen.

Plan

- MHARS and CISP are aware of the possibility that Reece may attend court tomorrow and may require support.
- Robert will continue to liaise with Reece's mother and make time to discuss Reece with Karen, psychologist.
- VFTAC will continue to keep MHFIT informed of contact/correspondence with police.

VFTAC and MHFIT to consider whether inquiries should be made in relation to the welfare of Lio.



19 December 2023

R.e Outcome letter for Mr. Reece FERRARA, DOB 21-Jul-1983

Please be advised that on 7-June-2023, Reece Ferrara was referred to the Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (VFTAC) by Victoria Police after a seven-year history of sending a large volume of emails to police members following police contact in 2016 in the context of a family violence matter. Mr. Ferrara believed that he was unfairly labelled as the perpetrator of family violence and has persistently breached the IVO via text and email, with the latter resulting in him being remanded into custody until 18-July-2023.

Mr. Ferrara's communications at the time did not contain threats, however he made frequent references to suicide, and/or death by police. He was subsequently accepted under the Lone Actor Grievance Fueled violence pathway due to concerns that he may act upon his grievance given his history of violent confrontation with police in the past. He was initially assessed by VFTAC as a MODERATE concern of engaging in grievance-fueled violence in accordance with our evidence-based risk aide-memoire.

VFTAC subsequently referred Mr. Ferrara to MH-FIT in July 2023 to assist with mental health transition and support in the community post release from prison, including support and liaison with his GP, private psychiatrist and mother, in addition to ongoing assessment of his risk to self and others.

Since July 2023, Mr. Ferrara has had significant contact and engagement with MH-FIT, presenting with a pattern of helplessness and suicidal ideation/threats (typically associated with his grievance and custody issues related to his son) along with genuine help-seeking and a willingness to engage with supports. During this time, Mr. Ferrara has continued to engage in communications with police related to this long-standing grievance, however these did not include threats.

VFTAC also notes that MH-FIT has undertaken safety planning with Mr. Ferrara around his impulsive suicide attempts as well as utilized sessions to explore potential mental health diagnoses including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Autism Spectrum Disorder and Borderline Personality Disorder. He has also been supported to re-engage with private psychology sessions.

Whilst Mr. Ferrara has continued to be subject to court matters related to family violence intervention order breaches, in addition to chronic suicidal ideation and threats, there has been progress with regard to a decrease in his preoccupation with his grievance towards police, including some positive interactions with police. This culminated in a re-assessment by VFTAC of Mr. Ferrara's concern level on 7-Dec-2023, where he came out as a LOW concern.

Certainly, Mr. Ferrara is likely to continue to engage in a range of problematic behaviours and thus would benefit from a robust crisis plan for services who continue to have a role in his ongoing care and management. Whilst VFTAC at the current time will be proceeding with inactivating Mr. Ferrara (on the basis of his LOW concern assessment, aforementioned positive progress and continued engagement with MH-Fit and other supports), VFTAC would like the opportunity to contribute to any current crisis plan as part of our inactivation process. This would be particularly around thresholds for involved services contacting police and VFTAC, including re-referral to VFTAC.

We have communicated this with James Peters, current MH-FIT clinician allocated to Mr. Ferrara and look forward to hearing from MH-FIT with regard to this proposal.

Kind regards

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