

Timeline of Key Events

Below is a chronological timeline of publicly documented events in Ryan Naumenko's life, marking major activities, with an indication of source strength and any ambiguities:

- **c.2006–2008 (Early Fraud Allegations):** Naumenko comes under suspicion for involvement in an online banking fraud moving money for Russian criminals[32]. *Evidence:* Mentioned in 2019 media retrospectively (strong source). *Note:* Unclear if charges were laid; likely an investigation with insufficient evidence to convict.
- **2008:** Founds Infamous Entertainment Group (IEG) in Melbourne with his father, Victor[14]. *Evidence:* Press release (moderate strength, as it's self-published but factual in registration details).
- **2009:** (Approximate) Serves a **prison term**. Naumenko later references multiple prison stints, and his 2010 press quotes "*I have been inside and I know what it's like*"[28]. *Evidence:* Implied by his own statement (weak corroboration without official record). *Analysis:* Possibly for an early offence (maybe related to the Russian scam or other deception).
- **2010:** Promotes IEG and youth charity plans[26]. At this time, he is trying to rehabilitate image post-prison. *Evidence:* Press release (moderate).
- **2011–2012:** Operates a synthetic cannabis manufacturing business during the window before legislative ban[30]. *Evidence:* His later account (moderate, likely true given context). *Financial:* He earns significant money ("thousands a day"[144]), indicating later potential unexplained wealth.
- **2013:** Synthetic cannabis outlawed; if he continued, it would have become illegal. *No specific source on his actions.* Possibly this led to law enforcement attention or charges not clearly reported.
- **2015:** Convicted of **cannabis trafficking** (unrelated to synthetic – suggests he sold real cannabis). Serves 16 days in prison[103]. *Evidence:* Court mention in 2021 (strong). *Analysis:* Short sentence implies a small quantity or plea deal.
- **2016:** Engages in **online Gumtree scams** in Mildura – taking payments for goods not delivered. Multiple victims. *Evidence:* Reported in Sunraysia Daily and New Daily (strong)[22].
- **Jan 2017:** Arrested and charged in Mildura for the Gumtree frauds. Convicted and **sentenced to 6 months jail**[22]. *Evidence:* Strong (court record via media).
- **Jan 2017 (simultaneous): Special Operations police raid** Naumenko's Mildura home, alleging bomb threats and Russian mafia ties[85]. He is detained ~10 hours, released without charge[145][146]. *Evidence:* His detailed written account (moderate), partially reported by media[7]. *Analysis:* Officially "never

charged”[147], so an unresolved event. (Confidence in raid occurrence is high; in the allegations behind it is low – likely false alarm.)

- **2018:** Naumenko publicly accuses Victorian police of brutality and corruption regarding the raid[21], posting images of property damage. *Evidence:* His posts cited in media (moderate).
- **Early 2019:** Forms the “**Mildura Creep Catchers**” group. In February 2019, carries out multiple sting operations on men via Grindr[36]. *Evidence:* Court facts (strong)[36]. The Facebook page goes live then is shut after media attention within weeks[63].
- **May 2019:** Approaches Roberta Williams for reality show idea via Instagram[46]. GoFundMe launched, claims of Netflix backing (false)[148]. *Evidence:* Court findings (strong)[49].
- **June 2019:** Filming of pilot episode for “Mob Wives” with Roberta takes place, though behind the scenes Williams grows suspicious of Naumenko’s claims[49]. *Evidence:* Court timeline (strong).
- **8 July 2019: Collingwood Kidnapping/Extortion Incident:** Lured to a warehouse, Naumenko is tied up, beaten for ~3 hours by Roberta Williams’ crew[149]. Forced to transfer assets and beg family for money[15]. *Evidence:* Court summary (strong)[15].
- **Late July 2019:** Naumenko’s story given to journalist John Silvester (The Age) – he goes public while initially only first name used[88]. Police launch investigation. *Evidence:* Media (strong).
- **Aug 2019: Arrests:** Roberta Williams and associates are arrested and charged with kidnapping, assault, etc.[150]. Naumenko gives TV interview on 7News under pseudonym (Ryan “Nemenko”) showing injuries[64]. *Evidence:* Media (strong).
- **Late 2019:** Defence strategy emerges accusing Naumenko of making it all up. Possibly at committal hearing (late 2019 or early 2020), lawyer John Desmond cross-examines Naumenko harshly[13]. Media begin to label Naumenko a “scam artist” in relation to this case[151]. *Evidence:* Report in Canberra Times (strong via secondary sources).
- **Feb 2020:** Naumenko is charged for the **Mildura vigilante incidents** (use of carriage service to menace). He initially pleads not guilty, claiming ignorance of wrongdoing[152]. Later changes plea.
- **Late 2020:** Likely when the Mildura case plea deal happened (he ultimately pled guilty to 4 charges). This is also when Roberta Williams’ case was heading to resolution, so there was overlapping legal proceedings.
- **24 May 2021: Sentencing – Vigilante Case:** Naumenko, 38, is convicted but spared jail; gets 12-month Community Corrections Order with 250 hours

service[43]. In court he professes remorse and that he's reformed[153][76].
Evidence: ABC News (strong).

- **Jun–Jul 2021:** Launch of **Naumenko Podcast Season 3**, press release highlights his past and podcast success[30][31]. He claims major sponsor and new direction. *Evidence:* IssueWire PR (medium, self-promotional but date is clear).
- **Aug 26, 2022: Roberta Williams Sentencing:** She pleads guilty to lesser charges. The court confirms Naumenko's deception about funding; nonetheless acknowledges he suffered an assault. Williams avoids jail[45][96]. *Evidence:* Guardian/AAP (strong).
- **Oct 2022:** (Not publicly noted, but context: one of Williams' co-accused, Jake Sexton, also sentenced to community work[98]; Hassan Al-Zwainy gets a fine and community work[129]. Case closed.)
- **2023:** Naumenko continues building Outlaw Media. He frequently posts about the "tobacco wars" in Melbourne (a spate of shop firebombings tied to illegal cigarette trade). He likely gains more underworld enemies through his commentary. *Evidence:* Implied by later reporting (headtopics listing Kaz Hamad, etc. as targets)[119]. (Confidence: medium that he was active throughout 2023.)
- **Late 2024: Attempted Home Invasion Foiled:** Two masked men surveilling his Mildura home flee after neighbor calls police; they abandon two cars[115]. Naumenko later claims this was a "hit team" attempt on his life[69]. *Evidence:* He wrote about it on Substack in July 2025 (strong secondary evidence). Police did respond per neighbor's call (likely recorded as incident but not widely reported at the time).
- **Mid 2025:** Naumenko collaborates with Mahmood Fazal to develop "*Word on The Street*" crime podcast. Over August–September 2025, they record a pilot and one full episode. Naumenko secures sponsorship from a gambling company (Costa Rica-based) without ABC's knowledge[139]. *Evidence:* SMH/MediaWatch (strong)[108].
- **20 Sep 2025:** The trailer or Episode 1 of *Word on The Street* airs online (with Fazal co-hosting). Immediately controversy erupts: ABC management learns of it, is unhappy about the unapproved involvement and the gambling ads, and pulls support[113].
- **Early Oct 2025:** Fazal exits the project amid dispute over payment. On 5 Oct, Signal messages between Fazal and Naumenko show discussion of cash payments and secrecy[142][154]. The relationship deteriorates completely. *Evidence:* MediaWatch published excerpts (strong).
- **14 Oct 2025:** Naumenko uploads a video viciously attacking Fazal on YouTube, accusing him of unethical behaviour and involvement with crime figures[155]. This video briefly went viral but was taken down, possibly for legal reasons, after headlines emerged about its explosive claims[74].

- **17 Oct 2025:** ABC publicly states it's investigating Fazal's role and that the podcast was never fully approved[156]. Fazal's manager withdraws any endorsement. Media Watch is preparing a story.
- **20 Oct 2025:** Media Watch Episode airs, revealing Naumenko's criminal past to a broad audience and detailing the bust-up[127][114]. On the same weekend, Naumenko doubles down with a second video making further allegations against Fazal[114].
- **22 Oct 2025:** Sydney Morning Herald publishes Jaspan/McClymont piece, likely titled "ABC investigates reporter over outlaw podcast fallout," quoting Fazal's lawyer and Naumenko's history[157][24]. *Evidence:* Mediaweek summary (strong) and headtopics (strong).
- **23 Oct 2025:** Fazal's lawyer issues a statement denying all of Naumenko's claims and calling them false[158]. Meanwhile, Naumenko posts that he will continue his show without Fazal, still sponsored by the gambling company[62].
- **Mid-late Oct 2025:** Naumenko engages in a feud via videos/posts with responses to media and to Fazal's denials. Tensions are high.
- **Midnight 28/29 Oct 2025: Home Invasion Attack:** Three masked intruders break into Naumenko's Mildura home. Naumenko is present (not explicitly stated, but implied since he responded online immediately after), and his mother is assaulted[9]. The attackers flee. *Evidence:* Police statement in SMH (strong)[116].
- **29 Oct 2025:** News of the home invasion breaks in the press (SMH, etc.), framing it as retaliation against Naumenko's "*outlaw media*" activities[117]. Naumenko publicly blames certain underworld figures (without naming in his post, but implied), offers reward for info[121]. Police investigations are ongoing; as of the latest reports, no arrests yet for this incident.
- **Nov 2025:** Naumenko likely lays low for a short period due to the attack, then continues posting. He claims on social media that he's more determined than ever to expose crime, potentially teasing new projects (to "professionalise" Outlaw Media further as per his earlier statement)[69].
- **Jan 2026:** (Current) Ryan Naumenko remains an active independent crime commentator on his channels. He is alive, albeit looking over his shoulder. Legally, he's not known to be facing new charges at this moment, but he remains on the radar of police (both as a potential target of crime and for any missteps he might make online). The dedicated website by victims (ryannaumenko.com) is accumulating evidence and documents of his past, indicating that public interest in cataloguing his activities continues into 2026[159][160].

Timeline Confidence: Most entries from 2019 onward are backed by contemporaneous reporting (high confidence). Earlier events (pre-2015) rely on retrospective mentions and Naumenko's own accounts (medium confidence). Where ambiguity exists (e.g., the Russian scam accusation, outcome of synthetic cannabis

venture), it is noted as such. The timeline illustrates a cycle of scam -> conflict -> pivot -> repeat in Naumenko's life.

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