

IMPACT STATEMENT

JD

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My name is JD and I am a victim of child molestation. The man who did this to me is John Lane, a former Envoy in the Salvation Army.

I first came into contact with him at the Fortitude Valley Corp when I was a young girl. He and his wife were posted there as officers.

My first memory of this man is someone who made me feel scared. However being a child I could not make my fears known as he was an adult. I never told my parents of the touching as I was so scared and confused and felt dirty. A lot of damage has been done to me due to this monster's perverted, selfish and gutless actions towards me. I feel angry at what has happened to me as he had no right whatsoever to touch me. I was a child, a baby. I had not started school and was taken advantage of. How dare he touch me. How dare he take my innocence. I think he is sick.

That was over 20 years ago and it still haunts me. I feel guilty. I think this is my fault. I don't know whether or not I had any power to stop it but it happened and I feel dirty. I have a sickening feeling like I'm tainted and marked for life. I'm soiled and nothing can get me clean.

I tried to forget about this and block it out of my mind for some time and I did for a while. He was out of my life for a few years as he and his wife were transferred to another Corp (Murgon). He was gone but something was eating away at me and would not let up. I turned to food for comfort and felt safe being fat as I would not be attractive and therefore no-one would try to touch me.

A few years later – maybe 1987, he was back in my life as he and his wife were transferred to Mitchelton as officers. I rarely went to church as I did not want that much to do with him. When I did go I did my best to ignore him and would not get very close. He gave me the creeps and made my skin crawl.

His wife died in 1989 (approx) and I did not see much of him after that. After my father died in 1991 he was back in my life in the most ironic of ways. My mother had started seeing him socially. My world started to fall apart. I had a lot to deal with as I was grieving for my father. I was struggling with pain and grief. Now the man who took it upon himself to prey on me for reasons he only knows, was invited into the house as my mother's boyfriend. I was devastated but I did not want to hurt my mother. She had been through enough.

Keeping it a secret was killing me and it was very hard. In early 1992 just after New Year they announced their engagement. That is when everything came to a head. My mother needed to know but how to tell her was very difficult.

I was confronted by both of them one night as they did not want my attitude towards him to carry on. They thought I was causing trouble by not participating in meals and

I would hardly speak to John. I went to my room as I could not take the accusations they were throwing at me.

I told my mother the next day why I was being so difficult. I did not expect her to believe me but she never called me a liar. She got angry that I did not tell her when it happened when I was a little girl. It was as if she was punishing me for being molested and said the wedding would go ahead and that was the end of it.

I left home the next day after a terrible row in which I was being called a bitch and a trouble maker and being hit a few times by my mother. She had found out that I complained to Colonel Everett about the molestation. I left in the clothes I was wearing and had very little money.

Telling the truth has cost me dearly as I am now a black sheep in my family and have been disowned. I have nightmares and suffer depression. I have no confidence or self-esteem.

I lodged a formal complaint to the police and Lane was sentenced in September 1998.

Signed _____ Date _____
 JD

Please see attached:

- Full police statement
- The sentencing details.

16.1.09
 JD 's file was looked
 at today in PCC meeting
 in relation to Jennifer
 (OWENS). Which was on the
 agenda it was decided
 that Mason Hill (HAWK)
 would meet with Simon
 Everett to discuss the case
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