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Dear Deputy [REDACTED]

In 2023, I was pressured into sex at the age of 13.

I felt disgusting and violated. [REDACTED],
[REDACTED].
[REDACTED] He would punch me in the
legs, arms and even put me into headlocks.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] one time almost strangling me and leaving dark bruises on my body. I started
wearing baggy clothes to cover the bruises. [REDACTED]

He continued to pressure me into having unprotected sex.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Guernsey Police

When we reported this to the Guernsey police, my parents specifically requested female officers because of the sensitive nature of the case. But when we went to give our statements, officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who is a six-foot six, huge guy who intimidated me straight away, were there. We again asked, in person this time, for female police officers. We said we had no bias against [REDACTED], but because of how sensitive the topic was we didn't feel

comfortable speaking to a huge male (witnesses included young teenage girls). But [REDACTED] responded by saying that [REDACTED] was a “friendly officer” who was “well-trained” for things like this. [REDACTED] completely ignored all requests for female officers.

I had – and still have – over 10 witnesses. When police eventually bothered to take statements the witnesses refused to sign their statements. Why? Because police officers didn’t write down what they said, but instead wrote down their feelings on the case. Witnesses told police that is not what happened but officers refused to change the statements they had written. Nearly a year later, they remain unsigned.

The police had taken photos of bruises caused by my attacker. I had even given my phone to the station so they could go through our messages to where he had quite clearly admitted to abusing me and my friends. And we still, to this day, have no clue what the police took off my phone. Even with all this evidence and all our statements, and physical evidence matching the story. We don’t know what they had sent to the Law Officers. We do know that they never received any signed witness statements or an accurate summary of what happened.

The Guernsey police:

- Did not provide regular updates (my parents had to call to ask for updates); I felt completely uninvolved and let down.
- We were never told if my attacker had been arrested or questioned.
- My attacker’s phone was never taken for evidence.
- Police informed us about my attacker’s ‘no charge’ by telephone, and didn’t bother to give us a reason why the charge was dropped.
- We appealed, and we were given two new officers Lisa and Nicole. But again, they failed to provide us with updates. Police now went out and got more statements they forgot to get first the time round.
- I was not allowed to have my parents in the interview room or represent me during this horrible time.
- I was provided no victim support.
- Police refused to let us write out own witness statements and what they wrote down was not what happened. Witnesses – who are young teenagers – refused to sign, telling the officers that what they had written down was inaccurate or just plain wrong.

In the summer, my attacker [REDACTED]
We reported this to the Guernsey police. The officer (on the front desk) stated that he can't arrest somebody for being in town, and then ignored me completely when I tried to explain who he was, and what he had done to me. But the policeman still refused to listen, refusing to even consider some kind of restraining order to protect me. I felt ignored, frustrated and vulnerable.

This confused me because I have heard many police officers say "we can arrest anyone we want to".

[REDACTED]

Over the 6 months of me and my family working with the police, they failed to inform us of details. Multiple times they had made me feel like I was being "dramatic", or that I was lying.

Because of the process I had to go through with the police, as a 13/14-year-old girl, I can't stand the police's presence at all. I have completely lost any trust I had for the police or social services or anything of that kind. Seeing an officer around [REDACTED] ... just the uniform alone can trigger me and make me feel extremely uncomfortable and anxious.

I have zero trust in the police. Anything I'm told by [REDACTED], talking about sexual assault and rape, and if you're experiencing it, to talk to the police – I know is not true. I now know, from experience, as do my family and friends, that you cannot trust the guernsey police.

My family and I want to talk to you, and journalists, so others can hear from a victim's side of the story. Please feel free to contact my parents if you have any questions.

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