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MAIDEN: And how have you found the police?

HIGGINS: Um the normal detectives are great, they are really lovely, like the normal detectives, but it's the fact that we've got like the Superintendent and someone else involved, um that's been difficult. And they've been difficult and um yeah.

MAIDEN: Because they're paranoid about media?

HIGGINS: Yeah. Very much so, very much so. Um yeah. Very much paranoid about media, paranoid about you know – and it's like, what, if it goes to court, you know, the circus. And I think the DPP actually seem a lot more onside, like the very senior levels of police [INDISTINCT] –

MAIDEN: Have you spoken to Shane at all? Or does that not –

HIGGINS: What did you say?

MAIDEN: Does Shane talk to you or does he only talk to you if he takes on the case?

HIGGINS: Ah he has been speaking to Heidi Yates –

MAIDEN: Yeah.

HIGGINS: As like my conduit person, and he's great. But –

MAIDEN: He's really lovely, yeah. I think he's really nice.

HIGGINS: Yeah. Yeah. No. It's just the Superintendent and, I forget his name, but yeah. They're, they are not fans. But that's ok.

MAIDEN: So what do you think, how long do you reckon it'll be now?

HIGGINS: They want to fly up again – so my third official evidence interview, in the next week or so. So, I don't know. I have no idea. They keep saying it is going to be a couple weeks and then they just keep extracting more information out of me. At this point I have no privacy. I am half expecting them to like raid my house next.

It's super weird, the guy who did all the tech from my stuff was very proudly boasting that he was the guy who worked on the [REDACTED] thing. And I was like, oh I kind of – she seemed really nice to me. She's kind of my friend. And then it got really awkward because he was like boasting about it.

MAIDEN: What was he saying?

HIGGINS: He was just boasting about his involvement in the [REDACTED] thing. And I was like, oh [INDISTINCT] –

MAIDEN: That's not really great.

HIGGINS: Yeah I don't think that's something you should be proud of. It was really weird. And then we had a very awkward relationship afterwards. Yeah, so anyway, the police and I don't love each other, and that's ok.

MAIDEN: But Leon thinks it's all ok and everything?

HIGGINS: I think so, yeah. I think so.

MAIDEN: Hopefully you will get to talk to Shane, like if they take on the case and stuff. Like, what's your sense of what's going to happen?

HIGGINS: Um I think they're going to charge but I don't think that they feel like there's enough, like I think that's the issue.

MAIDEN: Right.

HIGGINS: Yeah. I don't think they think that there's enough to get a conviction.

MAIDEN: But obviously we don't know if he's agreed to give evidence, or like, because he doesn't have to – actually have to speak to the police at this stage. It's kind of like for the police to make their case. And he's never come out and denied it.

HIGGINS: No, no. I had sort of – they made some sort of insinuation that they had had his phone, or had access to some parts of his phone. So I don't know if they did that with a warrant, I don't know if he gave his phone, but –

MAIDEN: Yeah because I just wonder if – I've always wondered if he would try and claim that it was consensual.

HIGGINS: Yeah. And that, that, that's what everyone – well that's what Leon and stuff will try and go – assume that that's what the defence will sort of be trying to go down essentially, um. Because you know it's just his word against mine. Um and yeah, that's probably –

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