

From: [Brit Mae](#)
To: [Saunders, Gareth](#)
Cc: [Frizzell, Emma](#); [Madders, Trent](#)
Subject: Re: AFP Status - Fwd: Statement [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 23 February 2021 11:15:00 AM
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Good Morning Gareth,

Yes, thank-you for your advice. I did receive your previous email.

I now have an independent support person in place who will be there in the room when I provide my formal statement.

Speak soon.

Brittany

On Tue, 23 Feb 2021 at 8:25 am, Saunders, Gareth [\[REDACTED\]](#) [@afp.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au)> wrote:

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Good Morning Brittany,

I just wanted to check you received my email below and confirm you have support in place for your meeting with DLSC Madders and SC Frizzell tomorrow.

If there is any additional support you require, and you feel we can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

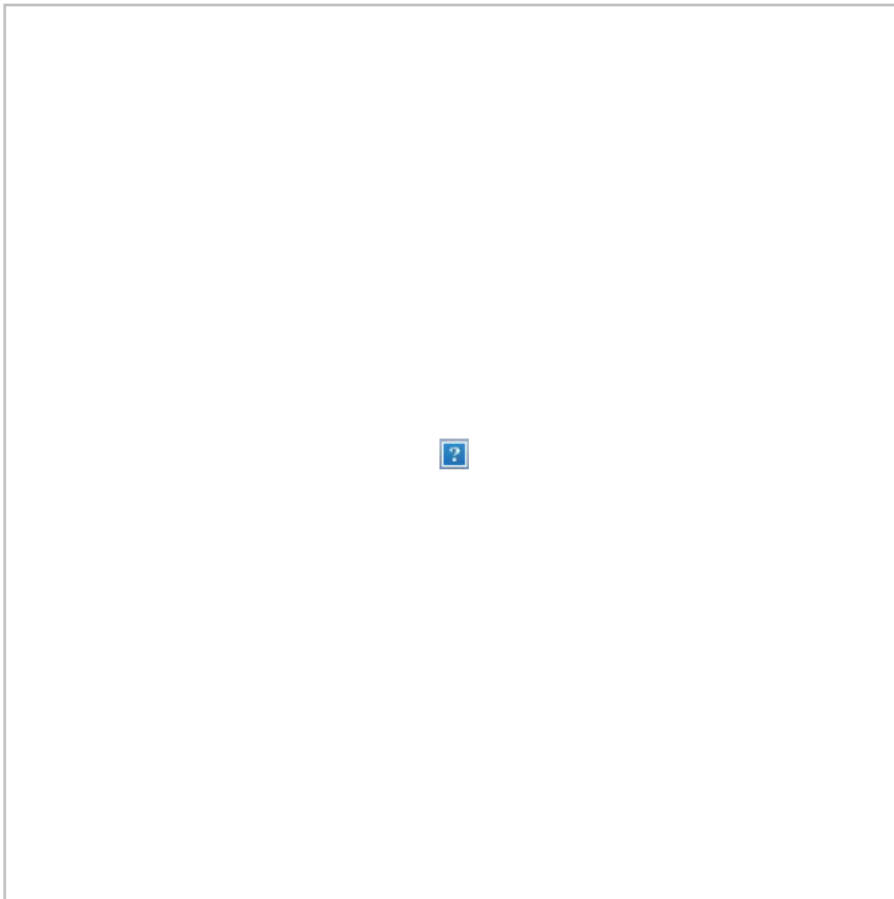
Kind regards

Gareth

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From: Saunders, Gareth

Sent: Sunday, 21 February 2021 4:38 PM

To: 'Brit Mae' [REDACTED]

Cc: Frizzell, Emma [REDACTED] [@afp.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au); Madders, Trent [REDACTED] [@afp.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au)

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Good afternoon Brittany,

Unfortunately, this would not only be against our own internal procedures, but there is legislation and common law principles which would not permit this.

We understand the importance of having a support person present during your Evidence-in-Chief Interview (your audio-visual recorded statement), particularly if you are feeling anxious. We want to ensure you feel supported and you are very welcome to have someone present who is not going to be, or likely to be, a witness in any court proceedings. At this time, we believe both David and your father would likely be called as witnesses in any court proceedings, based on your disclosures to them.

You may wish to have a person from a counselling / support agency present, or another friend or family member who you have not disclosed to, or perhaps even your lawyer. In the past, we have also been able to arrange for a support animal to be present. If you would like some more time so you can arrange a specific support person, please let us know.

The investigators who will be travelling to meet with you this week are Senior Constable Emma Frizzell (who you have met and been speaking with) and Detective Leading Senior Constable Trent Madders. I have copied DLSC Madders into this email so you have an additional point of contact as well.

I understand SC Frizzell has already been discussing support services with you. If there is any additional support you require, or if there are any referrals for support services we can make on your behalf, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Kind regards

Gareth

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From: Brit Mae [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, 21 February 2021 11:54 AM
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Cc: Saunders, Gareth [REDACTED] [@afp.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au)>
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Good morning Emma and Gareth,

One quick question from my lawyer - why am I not allowed to have either my dad or David in the room as a support person?

They've all heard me recount the event numerous times at this point.

Neither of them were directly involved in my assault whatsoever.

Given my previous experience in this regard I feel very anxious about proceeding with a formal statement without people I trust present.

Happy to discuss further.

Kind regards,

Brittany

On Fri, 19 Feb 2021 at 7:15 pm, Frizzell, Emma [REDACTED] [@afp.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au)> wrote:

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Good evening Brittany,

I can confirm that travel to the Gold Coast on Wednesday 24th February has been arranged. Would 1.00pm at [REDACTED] suit yourself? We can arrange suitable times next week with Matthew and David for Thursday 25th.

[REDACTED] and/or David are more than welcome to attend with you, however will be unable to be in the statement with you. If you have a support person who isn't involved, they are welcome to sit in with you.

I have been in contact with Queensland Police in regards to seeking advice as to outsourcing support to attend the statement with you. It does not appear as though they offer a similar service to that of the Canberra Rape Crisis Service. They have however, offered to submit a referral for additional, ongoing support as you are in Queensland for some time. Would you be happy for me to pass on your details to Queensland Police to arrange some support services in QLD?

I will be out of the office over the weekend however will have access to my email if required.

Kind regards,

Emma

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From: Brittany Mae [REDACTED]

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To: Frizzell, Emma <[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au>; Saunders, Gareth <[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au>
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Hello Emma,

Fantastic news! Can we please schedule it in for Wednesday, 24th of February 2021.

Kind regards,

Brittany Higgins

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Frizzell, Emma <[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au>
Date: Fri, 19 Feb 2021 at 11:41 am
Subject: Statement [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
To: Brit Mae <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Saunders, Gareth <[REDACTED]@afp.gov.au>

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Good afternoon Brittany,

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier.

As discussed, I have consulted with D/Sgt Saunders and we can travel to the Gold Coast next week. Could you please let me know what your availability is like between Wednesday 24 February – Saturday 27 February 2021?

Kind regards,

Emma

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