

## FW: PROMIS 6381473 - sexual assault at Capital Hill - victim requests contact - job locked down to team level. [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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 Hi Ben and Gareth,

I've been advised that you are the afternoon and dayshift SACAT Sergeants.

We had Brittany Higgins, [REDACTED], attend Belconnen Front Office today regarding a past report of a sexual assault at Capital Hill in 2019.

PROMIS 6381473 refers but is locked down to team level.

Brittany mentioned she spoke with Rebecca [REDACTED] previously but understood she had since left SACAT.

Brittany further advised:

- she was sexually assaulted in the Defence Ministers office e by a senior staff member;
- in 2019 she initially spoke with the AFP unit at Parliament house but then Rebecca at SACAT;
- she believed that Rebecca had tried to get access logs and CCTV footage from Parliament House but was having difficulties;
- it was at the time of the 2019 Elections and there was a lot of pressure on her not to report it;
- there has been ongoing pressure since to not speak out and she has taken screenshots and has documents to prove this;
- she has tried to resign three times in the last month and on each occasion they have declined to process her resignation etc
- she resigned once and for all last week and they told her that she could just work from Queensland and they'd pay her;
- she returned her laptop etc today and she is travelling to the Gold Coast tomorrow;
- she feels in a better head space to continue with this and would like someone from SACAT to contact her;
- she is getting counselling from CRCC;

[REDACTED]

Brittany, and the male she attended with (nfd), advised she knows this will get media attention and wanted something to clarify that she had attended and reported this previously. I advised her that was what the ref # 6381473 was. She asked for an email which provided the date she attended and who she spoke with, which I was happy to provide - not realising the job was locked down.

The male she attended with raised the media coverage a number of times, and appeared more focused on media holding the POI to account than the Court. They both spoke about obtaining evidence options and I explained the AFP FOI process. I clarified both understood that Police don't investigate allegations to get a media campaign going, but to try and get a criminal prosecution and that evidence would be gathered as part of that investigation. Brittany stated she

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understood and appeared very genuine (and upset). The male remained quiet after that and whilst I think he was there out of genuine concern for Brittany, I question if he had a somewhat different focus.

I advised I'd email SACAT and ask someone touch base with Brittany tonight/tomorrow. Could someone please do this? And perhaps send through the email regarding dates initially reported as she has requested?

Lauren (CIRO) - FYI.

Thanks

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