

Hello. My name is Victoria Ribbeck. I am survivor of sexual assault. I would like to share my testimony. To advocate for trauma informed care for others.

In my story, there were no advocates that went with me to speak to the police. There were no female officers brought in. I had an old school older officer, who was very hard on me. Didn't have any experience dealing with someone exhibiting signs of Complex Post traumatic Stress Disorder.

He accused me of being on drugs. He isolated me in a room by myself. He told me to "not put my emotions into the report" and to hurry up. . . He had previously stated that he wouldn't come to my state or county to take my report. And made me drive to just down the road from where the incident occurred , to meet him . Triggering me, repeatedly. No compassion.

There was no investigation. Their team NEVER took one piece of medical evidence from me . I tried on multiple occasions and was brushed off by police. I was made fun of by them. Ostracized, and verbally assaulted. On more than one occasion. Because I could mostly only cry when I tried to stand up for myself.

My assailant forced himself on me, and I fought him off. When I kicked him in his groin , he snapped my leg in half backwards. Tearing all the tendons and meniscus. I had to have surgery to repair the injuries. But law enforcement failed me. The victim. And protected the man.

That officer went to see the man who hurt me. He watched a video my assailant produced. Of me crying. Begging for help. (But doesn't show the threats before the video) But begging my assailant to not take me to the hospital or call cops. (Because he threatened me)

The officer told me... "I had done this to myself" and that he "hated people like me who pretended to be in recovery ..." He told me I was disgusting, and he "saw what I did on the video...." That "I was disgusting" and how dare I go after that poor man.

I was drugged. I was video taped. I was tortured. Harassed. Kept without consent. And disregarded as a druggie.... Because they had no trauma informed care training. because they didn't know any certain way to handle me. Because they didn't have to care.

My case # 23-4707 out of Clark County Washington. The event occurred on 3/26/23 and 3/27/23. The Officers name was Rob Ternus. The video is part of that police report.

I was awarded a lifetime sexual assault restraining order against the man who harmed me, Gordon Douglas Milligan , in Clackamas County Oregon. Where I reside. But that man is free to continue to harm others. As a result of faulty investigation. As a result of no trauma informed care training.

To this day, there have been no charges brought.

And that officer did more damage when I went to him for help.

I hope that with trauma informed care , this type of secondary abuse may not happen to another survivor.

The point is... The D.A.'s office does not have any sexual assault training for their prosecutors... and when the Judges are mandated to have training, the D.A. and the Defense attorneys usually want to take the same training because they want to know what the judges are being trained on. It's like killing 3 birds with one stone (figure of speech). It addresses all three entities, just by providing judges with crucial information that is necessary.

Thank you for your time.

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