

To the Royal Commission,

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My name is Jamie Sumner & I'm currently a prisoner at Port Phillip prison. I've been in prison since 4 October 2005. I'm eligible for parole on 31 March 2025. My head sentence expires in 2029. I had been convicted for murder in 2008. I had been jointly prosecuted with my co-accused who was acquitted by the same jury that subsequently convicted myself.

For purposes that will appear relevant later in my submission it's important to note that the case against myself was somewhat different to the case of my co-accused. Although his case was primarily put forward as in concert, the major difference in summing up the evidence at trial was the evidence of [REDACTED]

With all due respect to all people involved in this process, I would like to say that I was uneducated & had never put pen to paper prior to 2010/2011. Although I have taken it upon myself to study case law & the complex technicalities of principles surrounding cooperation & other laws, I am still lacking in many areas. However, I have come along way. I have written hundreds of letters & read many more authorities & books trying to understand our legal system.

I can assure you there are problems with my case, the manner in which I was prosecuted & represented I have established to my disappointment do not meet required obligations. I must tackle one thing at a time & I hope I can attract your interest with the information regarding police tactics &

culture used in the investigation that resulted in my conviction. This is very overwhelming for me so I will do my best to explain. At any point in time you can call me to give verbal testimony. I don't need notes, I can assure you what I say is genuine & true. I rely on my memory only.

You may be wondering by now if I understand how this Royal Commission works & what it is set up to investigate. The answer is NO. I had no idea. From my point of view I had been investigating the issue I'm about to raise long before the lawyer X scandal broke. So I had a moment of relief & excitement when I heard you would hear submissions regarding police mis-management of informers.

I was partially disappointed when I soon read the terms of reference. As I said & I would like with the greatest of respect to submit, this is a police culture issue. I've grown up in the correctional system, I've had guns to my head at the age of 7 by police who would always be heavily armed, due to my Dad's record, when they would raid the family home. I visited prisons weekly my whole life. I now sadly find myself in prison for a large portion of my own life. Point being I live this life & I'd like to believe I have good awareness & I see what goes on with how the police are now above the law & act like they can manipulate outcomes by enhancing prospects of guilt.

Police request someone to inform & if they refuse they load them up. And what about lawyers cunning enough to inform but don't register.

As I said, I'm disappointed that the scope only includes people bound by legal professional privilege. It should be the whole of Victoria police & its handling of informers. Please excuse my tone, I do apologise. Please understand this is so close to my heart - it has hurt for a long time. Most people think one would be mad when speaking out about police acting dishonestly. People think that police have integrity. Sadly, I know most think they should decide who is innocent & who is not. And if someone wants to protect someone, they go down to

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I would also like to submit that although I didn't use Nicola Gobbo as my Junior Barrister, I had spoken to her & wrote her letters whilst on remand for this case. I think it was 2007/2008. I had discussed my case with her & spoke about tactics & what my Senior Barrister & solicitor had told me. I also sent her a copy of Committal Depps. I was going to hire her but my Barrister Phillip Dunn QC persuaded me not to....

I would like you to please look at this as well. Did Ms Gobbo reveal anything to police? Did she reveal defence tactics? And how or why did my Barrister not want me to use her?

The information I now submit comes from myself investigating circumstances I know to be true. And again please forgive me for the way I write. I've put a lot of hard work in to this & for the first time I'm revealing it to people I don't know.

In about 2015 I received information from a family member who had ran into a senior Barrister. The Barrister had said something bad had occurred to my defence but when pressed refused to reveal what. I sent my Dad to see the Barrister ^{who} still remained tight lipped & said the person who wronged me was his friend. He did say for me to start by looking at [REDACTED] He said [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He was more concerned about revealing his ~~own~~ identity.

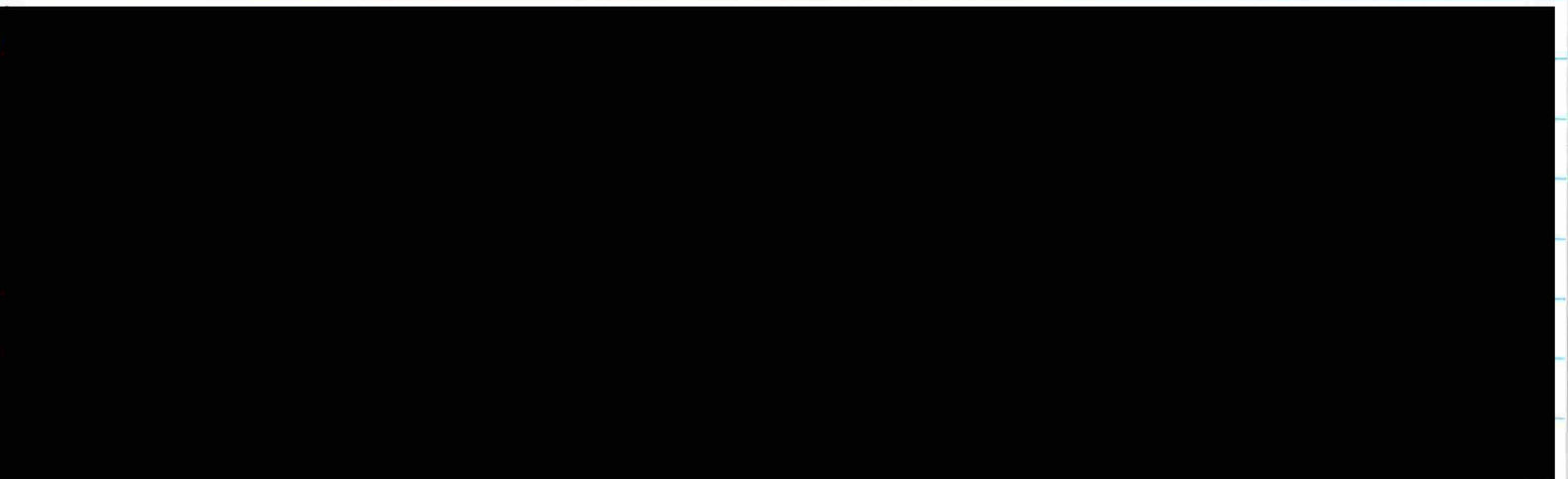
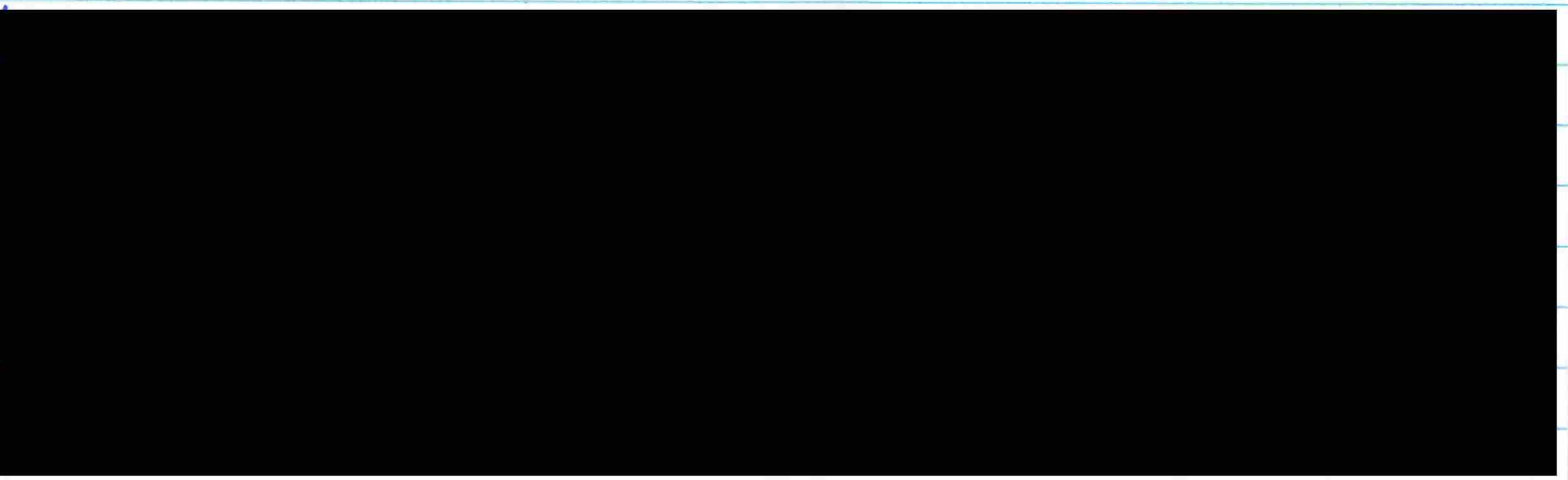



This was so hard to accept but it started my curiosity & I began to search [REDACTED]

From that issue however I began looking at instructions I issued & the way my defence was ran. I discovered some shocking things. I will try & get to the point but please know I am

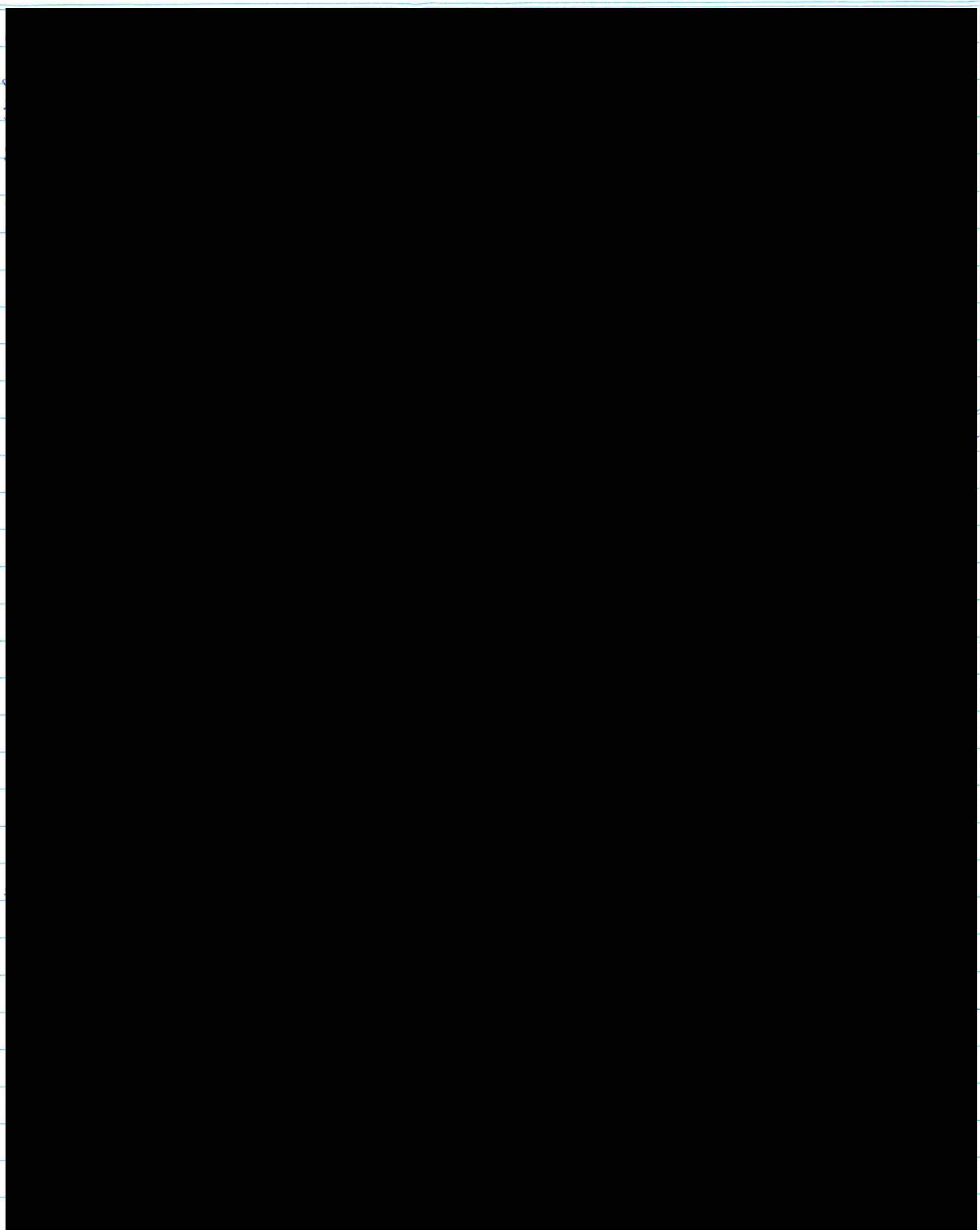
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skipping alot of problematic concerns regarding the way my case was ran. However, I understand that you dont really care or should I say with the greatest of respect, have no power to do anything about it. Please forgive my wording. Im not being or meaning to be rude.

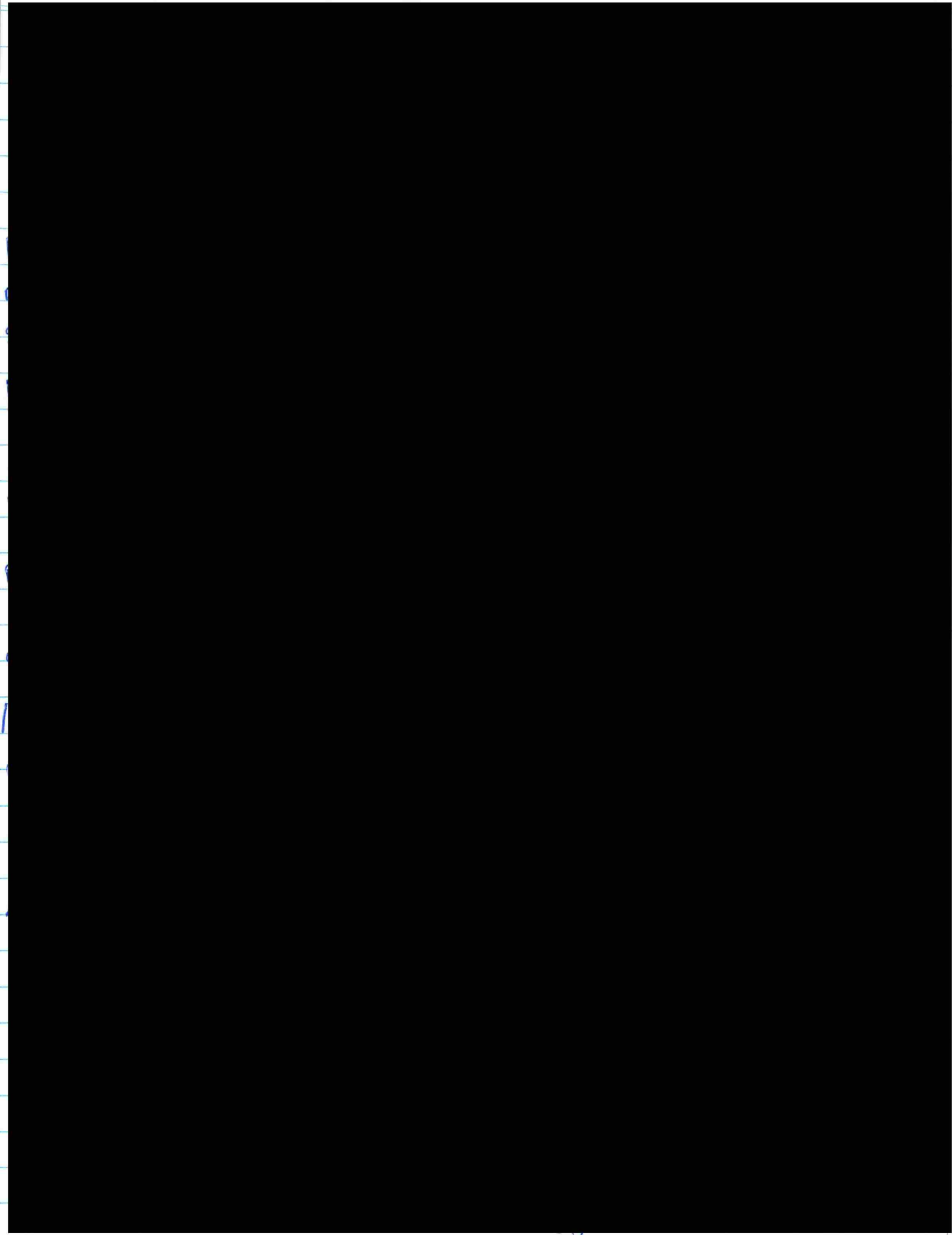
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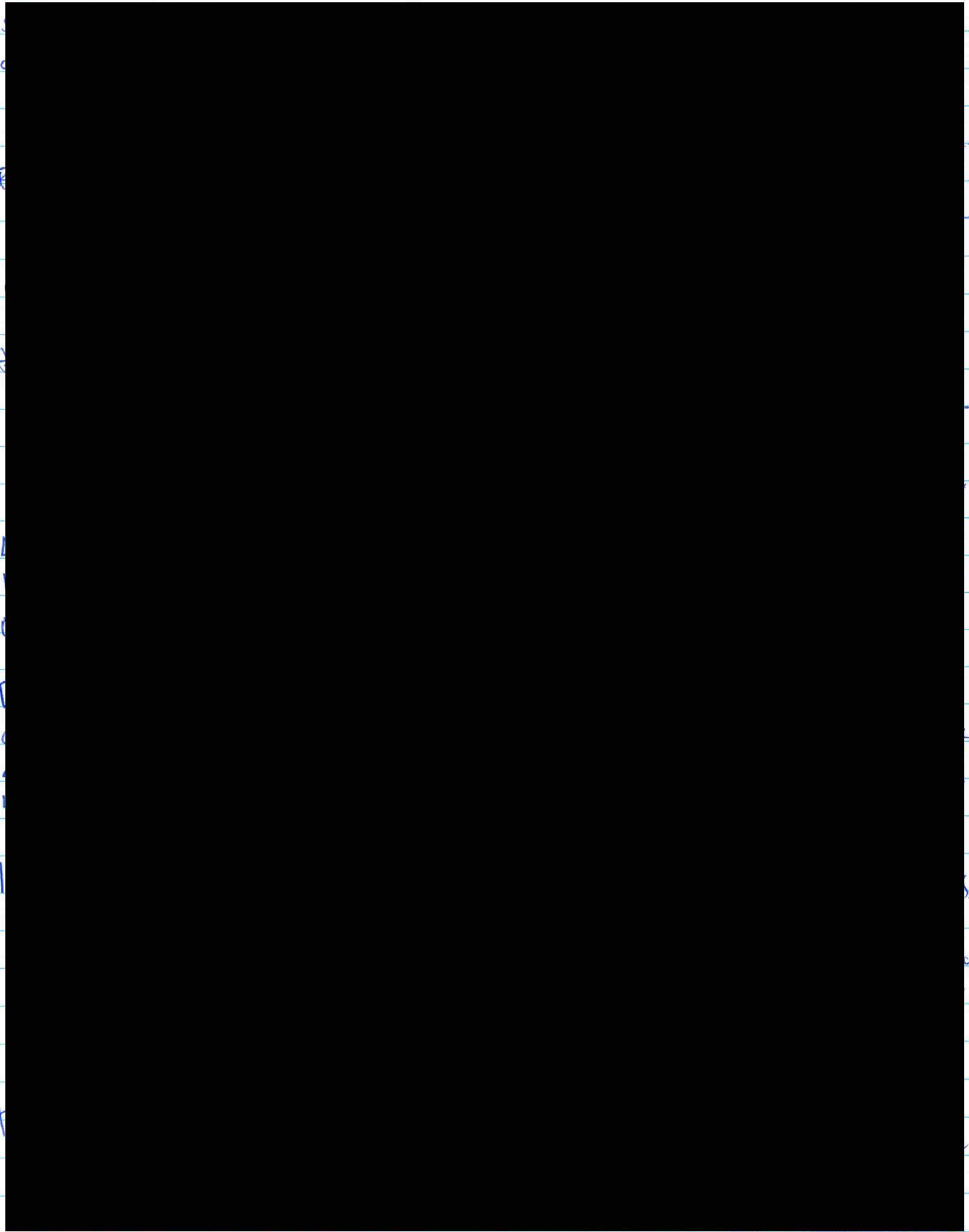
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Another area that may yield helpful information to you is the Subpoena hearings. They are abit all over the place but [REDACTED] gives testimony in camera & that may help. I dont know what was said.

He told defence at trial that the Judge told him to black things out. Somthing like that. I need the transcript to quote but I dont believe that. I think he opportunisly used the fact we dont know what was said to his advantage.

It's important to note that My senior Barrister didnt know police gave the reports all blacked out.

Somthing was not right - [REDACTED]

I'm also told that a procector by the name of [REDACTED] was giving advice on how to run this case. It's a very messy case.

I want to set the record straight but I want honesty. I believe it's the only deal I would do. Honesty for honesty sounds fair to me.

Thank you for reading my letter. I am sorry I cant write good. But maybe I could do better on a PC. I beg you to please read those IR's & look for Cobbo & keep in mind what I say. I've never seen them. Sorry for my messy writing.
Yours kindly
Janice June.