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GSOC REF: 340009-10-22

6 messages

Section94 <Section94@gsoc.ie>

To: [REDACTED]

6 April 2023 at 17:28

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Dear Steven, good afternoon

I am writing to you about your complaint that we discussed over the phone on 20 March 2023. My colleague Catherine told me that you called in the meantime. I'm sorry that I was delayed in emailing you.

For transparency, I attach a copy of the letter that I already sent to you by post. This is the letter where I explained that the investigation into your complaint had to be discontinued and why.

As I explained over the phone, GSOC is independent and impartial. GSOC cannot make a decision on a complaint based solely on the complainant's account of events (what you remember about how the incident happened). Equally, we cannot decide the outcome of an investigation based only on what An Garda Síochána tells us either. GSOC needs to have other independent evidence to make any decisions about whether or not any Garda misbehaviour happened.

In your case, the independent evidence that the investigation found, did not support what you said in your complaint. The evidence found does not show that the bus driver assaulted you, nor that anything of evidential value was left out of your statement, nor that the Garda member involved misbehaved in his interactions with you. Because GSOC can only act on independent evidence, this means GSOC could not determine what happened, and the investigation had to be discontinued instead. Because there is no evidence to support what you said and remember of what happened, nothing further can be done to investigate your complaint.

On the phone you told me numerous times that you were not lying. To be clear, it is not the case that anyone thinks that you are deliberately trying to mislead GSOC. I think you provided all the information you could, as best you could, based on how you remember it. However, as explained, the evidence that the investigation found does not corroborate what you said in your complaint, and GSOC can only make decisions based on evidence.

I understand that you are disappointed with the decision to discontinue the investigation into the complaint. However, having considered all matters, I am satisfied that there is insufficient evidence to justify further investigation, and that the decision to discontinue the complaint was correct.

While we were on the phone, you told me that you think you made your statement about what happened on the bus to the Gardaí on a different date to the one that is written on the statement itself. Based on the investigation report, I have no doubt that the date on the statement is correct.

When we talked about the date of the statement, you asked if you could get a copy of it. I've looked into this for you. Members of the public can make a request to have whatever personal information that the Gardaí have in their records given to them, by going to the Garda website, [here](#), and filling out the [Subject Access Request Form](#). I want to

make it very clear from the outset that the law is very particular about what records An Garda Síochána are allowed to give to you. I don't know if your statement falls under these rules. I don't know if An Garda Síochána will be legally allowed to give you a copy of the statement. Nonetheless, I want you to have information on how you can ask for the statement if you decide that that is what you want to do.

I hope I have clarified everything for you.

Yours sincerely

Avril



Avril Marren

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Steven Condra [REDACTED]
To: Section94 <Section94@gsoc.ie>

12 April 2023 at 11:57

Dear sir/madam,

I have read your mail and I am totally disappointed with your answer. I did not give a statement for at least 3 months of constant contact with Waterford Garda station. Inspector Niall Daly eventually started taking my statement and

called his subordinate in to finish taking it. By this time the evidence against the bus driver was gone.

Regards

Steven Condra

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Section94 <Section94@gsoc.ie>

To: [REDACTED]

19 April 2023 at 12:28

Dear Mr Condra,

I wish to acknowledge your correspondence received on 12 April 2023, the content of which is noted.

I wish to advise you that there is no statutory provision within the relevant legislation to seek a review in cases where GSOC has decided to discontinue the investigation of your complaint under section 93 (1) (c) of the Act. In your case, GSOC decided to discontinue the investigation on the basis of the information received from An Garda Síochána. The rationale for that decision was outlined in our letter dated 14 March 2023, a copy of which was issued to you on 06 April 2023.

Reviews of files are available in cases that have concluded the disciplinary process, and a finding of Breach of Discipline or No Breach has been reached. In this case, the GSIO recommended the file be discontinued before this point. This was because the independent evidence gathered by the GSIO did not support what you said in your complaint. Having considered the GSIO's report, GSOC agreed with the recommendation that the complaint should be discontinued.

Having reviewed your points and the previous correspondence issued to you, as well as the previous telephone calls you have had with myself and my colleagues on this matter, I am satisfied that we have addressed the issues which you have raised.

The file in respect of your complaint has been closed and as such no further action will be taken in relation to this matter.

Kind Regards,

Laura.



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Steven Condra [REDACTED]
To: Section94 <Section94@gsoc.ie>

17 April 2024 at 04:39

Dear Sir/Madam
I've attached a letter I posted to you and still have no response.

Consider all 3 cases I brought to your attention. Am I getting no help because I'm adopted or because my adoptive father is a personal friend of the Minister for justice. I met her at Jim Condra's funeral.
Please excuse my bluntness but I'm at a total loss and feel totally neglected by your country. I'm Irish by birth only.

Steven Condra

DPP Case No. 2022/10200 20th September 2022
Victims Liaison Unit

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
Infirmary Road

Dublin 7

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently received a letter which I found very vague which was to explain why you did not prosecute. I am very unhappy with this letter.

I would ask you for a review of the decision as I see nothing in the afore mentioned letter about the state's responsibility toward me as an adoptee. The state has responsibility to ensure a child's safety and not place them with

alcoholics or sexual deviants. My adoptive father admitted he was aware of what was happening to me as a young child in a family law court sitting in December 2021 in Dolphin house Dublin. The Judge instructed me to make a complaint to the police.

On another occasion, to try and determine if I was autistic, my adoptive parents were invited to help ascertain facts about my childhood and during this assessment with Lincara centre Bray he admitted the same crime to doctors at this location. In fact Dr Karen Keogh expressed to me how flippant or dismissive he was about the sexual abuse as if it was irrelevant.

How much proof is required?

My life has been totally devastated by these people, I have serious mental issues and have to take medicated drugs. I believe I deserve justice and expect the state to stand up to its responsibilities.

Regards

Mr Steven Condra

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Steven Condra [REDACTED]

To: Section94 <Section94@gsoc.ie>

17 April 2024 at 06:20

In relation to this matter:-

RE: Garda Siochana Act 2005 as amended- Mr Steven Condra

In respect of the above matter I have been appointed to investigate your GSOC complaint. Could you please contact me at your earliest convenience so we can make arrangements to meet and progress matters.

Kind Regards

Michael Leacy

Superintendent

14/11/22

How is it I can sit down with Inspector Niall Daly and he agrees my statement wasn't taken for at least three to four months

Steven Condra

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Casework Management <caseworkmanagement@gsoc.ie>

To: [REDACTED]

3 May 2024 at 11:54

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Dear Mr Condra

Please find below the email from Laura Carrol that we spoke about during our call this morning.

Kind Regards

Louise Dwyer

Case Manager

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