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Key/Involved Persons

Initials	Name	Role
JF	Constable Joshua FALLEN	Interviewer
MB	Melissa BIRD	Interviewee

Interview begins.

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JF Right, so, ah, today's date is the 7th of November 2024, the time is 8.00 am. My name is Constable Joshua FALLEN. Ah, can you please state your full name to the camera?

MB Um, Melissa Maria BIRD.

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JF Ah, can you please confirm that it's just the two of us in the room?

MB Yes.

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JF Yeah.

MB Yes, it's just the two of us.

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JF Okay. Earlier you agreed it was okay to record this on video and I need to check that you are still okay with that?

MB Yes.

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- 5 JF You are aware that your partner/ex-partner will be able to view the video?
- MB Yes.
- 5 JF You are aware that this video may be used as evidence in Court?
- MB Yes.
- 10 JF You agree to this video being used as evidence in Court?
- MB Yes.
- 15 JF What we record today could be used as evidence in Court so it is important that you tell the truth. Do you promise to tell the truth?
- MB Yes.
- 20 JF Tell me what happened today.
- MB Um, Kaz and I arrived at the hotel...
- JF Can you just speak up a bit?
- 25 MB Oh, sorry. Kaz and I arrived at the hotel about 11.00, oh, at 11.30 maybe, um, and we were here, okay 'til 2 o'clock, I think it was 2 o'clock in the morning or something, and then we had a few words and he left, and then it was toing and froing with the, um, ah, text messages and stuff, and, um, yeah, I, I s-, st-, I've, I didn't say, I wasn't calling him a cunt or anything like that but he chose those words, and I said, "Enough already, I'm going to sleep, goodbye", um, and, yeah, I f-, I fell asleep, and woke up to him in the room and he has his hands around my throat, and then he had my hand around my back, um, and I just played dead, I didn't want him t-, you know, touch me or anything like that, um, and he dragged me off the bed and just started kicking and punching me, um, and I don't know why, he said something about a KTM bike or something, I don't know, he doesn't even, "I
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don't think you have a KTM bike", so I don't know what he was on about, and that I was trying to steal it or something, I, does, and the bike he does have, doesn't even go, so I have no idea, oh...

5 JF Just take your time.

MB Sorry?

JF You can take your time.

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MB Yeah. Um, um, then he was trying to get my gold off, take my, get me to take my rings off and then snatch my chains off my neck. Um, broke my computer in half and then he, he left and then s-, s-, if I say anything he'll kill my kids. Um, and I followed him down, and then I came back up to the room and I couldn't get in the room, um, and then that chap came from upstairs, I think, and another chap came from downstairs and they called you guys. Um, and I went out to see if he was there 'cos I knew he was parked behind my car, and he was doing something with his strops or something, and the Island guy came back, went upstairs, got changed, came back downstairs and went back out there, oh, went out there, sorry, I told him where he was, and he wasn't there. I don't know where he's gone, I don't know if he's gone home, to his ex-girlfriend's, to his son's, I don't know.

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JF You mentioned he had his hand around your throat at one point, can you just elaborate on, ah, the body position that you were in and the position that he was in?

25 MB I didn't even open my eyes, um, um, so I don't know what position he was in. I think I was asleep, like, on my stomach maybe 'cos I'd spilt all my coffee in bed, um, and, um, I played dead for a bit and I thought he would go but he dragged me off the bed and just started kicking and punching me, and when I he-, tried to yell for help, he just put his knee on my throat. Um, carried on and then rip-, yeah, ripped my jeans off, I think, there or maybe on the way out the door. I don't, oh, I can't remember it all clearly but, um, yeah.

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JF Did he use any objects during that time?

MB I don't think so, no, just, just his fist.

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JF And where did that happen?

MB Right th-, o-, from the bed to right here, on the floor.

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JF On a scale of 1 to 10, can you describe the pressure that he applied on your neck?

MB I, I, it was, yeah, i-, it stopped me from yelling out, "Help", but like, I couldn't bre-, e-, yeah, I couldn't breathe...

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JF Yeah.

MB ...and I didn't think he would let me go.

15 JF And how did it feel overall?

MB It was shit, 'cos there's no way I s-, tried to steal his bike, I don't know where his head was at. Oh, and he said he also shredded all my clothes; he didn't.

20 JF And what did you do when he was doing that?

MB I was trying to yell out for help, and just saying, "No, no, no", you know.

JF How was your breathing prior to this event?

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MB Ah, what's that?

JF How was your breathing prior to this event?

30 MB Before? Oh, fine.

JF And...

MB I'm alive.

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JF And during the event, how was your breathing?

MB Um, well, I couldn't breathe at m-, at a couple of points.

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JF And how is your breathing now compared to before?

MB I'm okay, the ambulance is here, it's okay.

10 JF How does your throat and neck feel?

MB Sore.

JF Sore.

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MB Um, the ambo said that my, my bre-, breathing sounded okay but, um, (inaudible) got contusions and stuff all down here, on my neck.

JF How did your head feel while he was doing that?

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MB Oh, pain, pain and hurt and, and just dismay 'cos I just d-, I don't know why, i-, ah, i-, it accelerated to that point, I just, I don't know, I just thought it was in - I don't know how he got in the room, I don't know, um, but he broke my computer, broke my iPad, took my phone, took my bank card.

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JF How long was your breathing restricted for?

MB I couldn't tell you, um, yeah, f-, for a wee while 'cos he - yeah, and I don't know if that was his knee or his hands that he had round my neck, i-, i-, um, when he first got me off and I w-, started screaming for help, and then I stopped and then he started wading into me, um, and so I started screaming again, and then that's when his knee came on, I remember it was his knee 'cos he had his knee on my throat and he was punching me in the head.

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JF You said he threatens to kill your kids as well?

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- MB Yeah, um, I don't know, I can't remember if it was as he was leaving the room or as he was leaving down the stairs, ah, he said, "Say anything or tell anyone, I'll kill your kids as well".
- 5 JF Ah, is there anything else that you think might be important for us to know about today's event?
- 10 MB Oh, I think he's bipolar. Um, I'm w-, no Doctor or anything but just from, from I-, I came from my daughter's yesterday evening, which was fine, and then, um, oh, just a conversation that we had and, um, it just, yeah, got out of control a bit, and then he left so I thought, okay, you know, w-, back and forth, the text, and then i-, like I said, I'd had enough and I th-, I thought that was it, you know, I thought he'd just cool off, not come back a-, however long later and just attack me.
- 15 JF How long do you think the attack went, overall?
- MB I c-, oh, five, maybe ten minutes.
- 20 JF And what sort of injuries do you think you've suffered?
- MB Um, huh, um, well my head feels like a golf ball...
- JF Yeah.
- 25 MB ...all down there in my neck.
- JF Could you just lift your hair and then turn to the camera?
- 30 MB Um...
- JF Um, (*inaudible 00.10.31*).



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- MB My neck, um, and all down my b-, just, basically, the side of my body, so I assume he pulled me off, I landed, and then I remember balling up so s-, had that to deal with.
- JF Okay. Ah, can you confirm the full name and your relationship to the offender?
- 5 MB Sure, Kaz Rossman John FRAIDER, um, we were in a relationship for five months...
- JF Um...
- 10 MB ...and I was in the process of moving everything back into his place 'cos we'd had mi-, a minor ruction before but just, this is... Yeah, um, and he's then, yeah, destroyed all my stuff so i-, I mean, he has done that before, destroyed a couple of things, like he owes me for an iPhone. I have a, um, a disclaimer that I actually got him to sign for, um, saying that he'd have it replaced by my birthday, which was the 15th of October so it hasn't happened.
- 15 Um, and, um, yeah, so I, I, I don't know why (inaudible) and I would prefer if (inaudible) to be honest.
- JF Yeah. Ah, has anything been damaged during this event...
- 20 MB Ah...
- JF ...any property?
- MB Yes, um, he took my phone, he took my cash card. I haven't had a chance yet to move things around so I don't know if he's taken any cash. My MacBook computer, he just broke in half. My iPad, the face of it's all cracked. Um, oh, he tore my three gold necklaces off so they're all I don't know where. I had my children's initials on them but they've gone, ah, but the other th-, ah, the other bits are gone, um, yeah, but I've got to get them, you know, all fixed and that. Um, I don't know how my earrings are, and he kept saying to me, "Take off your gold, I, I want your gold", but I, I've no idea why, I don't know, I just don't know
- 30 where it all, th-, that anger, just yuck. I thought oh anger management (inaudible), you know, I can get angry, but, no, no, I don't hurt someone you supposedly care for.
- JF Yeah. Did anyone see the event?

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5 MB No, it was just him and I in here. Um, when he, he left I came out and started yelling, "Help", and the chap from across the wall stuck his head out and then he slammed the door, um, and then I went downstairs, and the lady from downstairs and the Island guy and the German guy came out and helped me.

JF Have any children been exposed to this incident?

10 MB No. I don't want to tell my children 'cos they're 20 and 24 but I will have to.

JF Are there any...

MB (Inaudible).

15 JF ...orders in place between the two of you, such as protection order or trespass?

MB No, no.

20 JF Um, and finally, how has today's event made you feel?

MB Sad, dismayed, homeless, I'm, yeah, just ho-, i-, it's unbelievable, I mean I, I knew he could get angry and has the potential to get angry and has. I don't know if he's got previous charges or whatever, I don't know, but, um, I just didn't think that when he left he would come back so angry and vicious.

25 JF Ah, when we started talking you promised to tell the truth as this statement may be used in Court.

30 MB (Inaudible).

JF It is an offence to make a statement that is known by you to be false or intended by you to mislead.

MB Sure.

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JF I need to confirm that everything you told me today is the truth?

MB Absolutely.

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JF Ah, just say that again with the tissue...

MB Oh, sorry.

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JF Sorry.

MB Absolutely.

JF Ah, the time by my watch is 8.14 am on the 7th of November 2024.

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End of interview.

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