

**Submission
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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Partially
Confidential

22/7/22 I was watching the tail end of the footy at 10:50pm and my front door and screen door swung open, I thought it must have been a gust of wind so got up to shut the door. I came back, turned the tv off and went to my bedroom, before remembering I had not cleaned my teeth. Doubling back to the bathroom, I noticed my laundry door open. Upon investigating, I also discovered the door to my garage was open. Switching the light on, there was someone at the back of my car, I did not know at the time that he had my car key. He unlocked my car, jumped in, and locked it, before I could get to him. There was a porcelain piglet that I tried to break the driver's side window with, but it shattered and cut my elbow. By this time, the car was started, and he slammed it in reverse, going straight through my garage door, pulling away the roller door. The car was written off by the NRMA but I had to pay \$1350 in excess. It took NRMA from the incident until 8/12/22 to repair my garage door.

BARRY BALDWIN.

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TO CLIENT SERVICE AND MANAGEMENT TEAM.

VICTIMS SERVICES.

ON 6th March 2018 my wife Elizabeth Anne Baldwin was admitted to MacKellar Care Services 2 APEX ROAD gunnedah with advanced Dementia, living approx 15 Klm. out of town I decided to sell our little farm and move into town, Purchasing [REDACTED] and moving into the home on 20th October 2021.

As the home was a rental home we was receiving a lot of mail which I. redirected back to the senders.

Over a period several months I. suspected that some one was getting into my home while I. was visiting my wife, talking to my sons we decided to change all the locks after missing some small items from my home while I suspected some one was getting in I sleep with my car keys under my pillow ON the 22 ND of July 2022 all the locks were changed. Thinking all would be OK. I. hung my car keys where I had hung them prior to suspected intruder.

AT approx 10.55 PM I was watching the final game of football when all of a sudden my ~~front~~ front door swung open, checking to see what happened, I could not see any body I thought how did they open, closing and locking them again I came back and turned the TV off I did not check the back door because that was where I was sitting. going into my bedroom I remembered to clean my teeth which I did

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every night, as I came out of my bedroom to go to the bathroom I noticed my laundry door was open which I had closed early in the night on inspection my garage door was open going to the garage, I switched the light on I saw an intruder at the back of my car I yelled out what do you think you are doing, Not knowing that while I was in the bedroom he came through the back door & got my car keys of the wall, as I was going around the back of my car, He unlocked the door and dumped ~~into~~ into the driver seat and locked the door. picking up a form of a piglet which I thought was made from concrete. I slammed it into the driver side window hoping to break the glass and shower him with glass, only to have the piglet shatter into a million pieces and come back at me and cut my elbow. The intruder was looking shocked at my action he was having trouble inserting the key I got a very good look at his face but at this stage I didn't have a clue who he was. Starting my car he slammed the car into reverse and went backward & smacked into the garage door, at the first attempt he didn't succeed he then came forward and nearly got me, I was very lucky he didn't hit me, ON his second attempt he smacked right through the roller door and managed to get away. Calling 000 the police was at my home in 5 minutes flat. The policeman called police patrol which he said the car was in his vision & gave chase but had to give up as it was dangerous to keep going. The Police said NOT to touch anything as they wanted to see if there were any finger prints

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The next morning the police came and did there job but the lady police said that the locksmith had not done a good job. as she said to my son lock both the back doors. asking me if I thought the doors were in fact locked I said yes they were locked she said watch me and she had both them doors open in ten seconds flat. Finding my car the next evening they took it to Tamworth for forensic to look at. and for NRMA to get a quote to fix it. NRMA said my car was write off so they paided me out. They gave me an option to buy my car back for \$500.00 dollars. So I bought it and a friend of mine in Tamworth and repaired it so I could register it which I done. Getting my car back on the road I brought it home ~~for~~ my nephew to examine it. On my way home it just didnt seem right. He said it seemed O.K but he said we will take it for a good test out on the open road. we went out the Wondobar road, My nephew said drop your foot just as though you wanted to pass some one. Dropping my foot it responded well but only for a little while and the car started to shake in the steering an there was a great bang I pulled up as quick as I could and pulled the bonnet catch with smoke coming out from the bonnet. Opening it up only to find we had blowed a injector and the car was alight, as we had a couple of bottle of water we nearly had it out but run out off water. The first car that came along also had one bottle of water but to no avail. So my car was burnt beyond repair.

Prior to getting my car home there was a police chase on the Wondalah road and the person they were chasing lost control and rolled a few times ending up with the ~~driver~~ driver being killed, I believe he was driving a stolen car & he was suspended from driving. At his wake there was a lot of Photos on face book, my Nephew [REDACTED] showed me the Photos and I recognized the chap that stole my car. His Name was [REDACTED] the Son of the deceased man.

After I got my car back I was driving into town and saw [REDACTED] walking on the foot path, I pulled up and waited for him to catch up to me I asked him did he still had my car Keys, He said which car & I said my car pointing to my car, He said No my Brother stole that one, I said you are a liar as well as a thief, He then took off. Just as a car came along and picked him up. I then went to the police station & made a statement about the incident. I gave the Name off [REDACTED] to NRMA, they wanted his address which I didn't know so I went to the police station but they would not give it to me, they said NRMA has got to apply. Which they did but told me Police would not give them his address as he had not been charged. So they deducted the excess of my car & Home from my Payout which was \$1300.00 Dollars. So you can see the law protect the guilty. an Not the Victims.

When my car burst into flames my Nephew said they had put Petrol in the diesel tank causing it to Explode. While all this is going on my two Sons got to work and Put Six Cameras on the house and Crime Safe Security Screens on All Windows

NRMA House insurance covered to change the locks again.

Before NRMA repaired the roller door and after me fronting [REDACTED] He stole another car & slammed into the temporary door smashing it to pieces at approx. 4.00 AM on 15th October. We got the whole lot on camera but could NOT get a good look at who was driving the then burnt the car approx within 500 MTS of my Home. The No Plates on the camera was the same as the car that was burnt. I was very lucky to have a couple of my friends who were on the job & repaired my smashed door, so I bought them a good bottle of Scotch for their effort.

Now I feel like a prisoner in my own Home. With my doors LOCKED & BARRICADED every night I hide my keys every night & I have a heavy Hammer near my bed in case of fire so I can smash a window to get out and at 85 yrs of age it just doesn't seem right.

TRUSTING YOU FIND EVERYTHING NEEDED

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I NOW PUT MY CAR KEYS UNDER MY PILLOW EVERY NIGHT AND LEAVE ALL OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON. I SLEEP WITH A HAMMER NEXT TO MY BED IN CASE OF A FIRE SO I CAN SMASH A WINDOW TO ESCAPE. ANY NOISE OF A NIGHT HAS TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR SAFETY. AT 85 YEARS OLD IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THAT THESE YOUNG OFFENDERS ARE GIVEN A SLAP ON THE WRIST AND LET GO TO REOFFEND AGAIN.

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BANK STATEMENT FOR CAR REPAIRS AT TAMWORTH \$1000.00

RECEIPTS FOR CAMERAS. ENCLOSED \$3159.68 TO BE REPAID.

RECEIPT FOR CRIM SAFE. DOORS AND SCREENS \$7877.00 TO BE REPAID.

NRM A EXCESS. AS MENTION IN REBAT \$1350.00.

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AFTER ALL THE TRAUMA SUFFERED I FEEL LIKE A PRISONER IN MY OWN HOME.

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PLEASE RING ME ON [REDACTED]

Regards.

Barry Baldwin

P.S. LATE ENTRY.

BETTER [REDACTED]