

INQUIRY INTO FUNERAL INDUSTRY

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Theme:

Summary

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TO THE N.S.W. STANDING COMMITTEE ON
SOCIAL ISSUES

FIRSTLY I HAVE TO SAY THAT PRIOR TO
MY MOTHERS DEATH I HAVE NEVER HAD
ANY TROUBLE WITH THE POLICE THE COLEAMBALLY
AND GRIFFITH POLICE INVOLVED AT THIS DREAFFULL
TIME 1993-97 HAVE BEEN REPLACED. GOOD RELATIONS
AGAIN. THIS ALL STARTED WITH ME MAKING
A STEEL SIGN FOR BARTTETS OF GRIFFITH.
AFTER SHORT CHANGING ME THE MANAGING
DIRECTOR DAVID BARTTER SAID HE WANTED
A FURTHER SIX SIGNS. I SAID IT TAKES
SIX WEEKS FOR MY TWO SONS AND I ~~FOR ONE~~
SIGN THEY WOULD BE \$5000 EACH. DAVID
SAID YOUR SONS CAN GO ON THE DOLE. YOU
WORK IN MY WORKSHOP AND ILL GIVE YOU
SOME APPRENTICES. THATS WHATS GOING TO
HAPPEN SO GET USED TO IT. HE THEN DROVE
OFF. A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER DAVID CAME
AND SAID "HURRY UP AND GET STARTED IN GRIFFITH. IT
WAS GETTING URGENT. IF YOU GET IN TROUBLE
RING ME" TWO DAYS LATER I RECEIVED A
HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE STATE BANK
CANCELLING MY WORKING OVERDRAFT. I REARRANGED
MY AFFAIRS AND CARRIED ON MY BUSSINESS
I THEN HEARD ON ABC RADIO THAT A GRIFFITH
COMPANY WAS STARTING A STEEL SIGN
DIVISION WITH A GOVERNMENT GRANT AND

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WOUND EMPLOY 15 APPRENTICES. DAVID BARTER
CAME SEVERAL TIMES WITH STANDOVER TACTICS.
I TOLD HIM WHAT HE SHOULD DO WITH HIMSELF
AND GOT ON WITH MY LIFE THEN MY MOTHER
DIED I WENT TO COLLIER TRENERY. UNDERTAKES
OF GRIFFITH, MY MOTHER HAD INSTRUCTED
ME. CREMATION NO CHURCH SERVICE. PLACE HER
ASHES UNDER A TREE. MRS COLLIER TOLD ME
AROUND \$1500 I SAID OKAY AND AS I WAS
LEAVING. MRS COLLIER GAVE ME A PAPER
TO SIGN SHE SAID THEY COULD NOT REMOVE
MY MOTHER FROM THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT IT
I SIGNED AND LEFT
WHEN I WENT TO COLLECT THE ASHES AND
PAY THE BILL THE AMOUNT WAS \$2690
I COMPLAINED. GREG COLLIER SAID HE WOULD
DEDUCT \$350 FOR THE CHURCH SERVICE THAT
I DID NOT HAVE. I GAVE COLLIER \$500 AND
SAID I WOULD PAY THE REST WHEN I SAW A
ITEMIST ACCOUNT. THE ACCOUNT WHEN I
RECIEVED WAS FALSE. DEATH CERTIFICATE FEES
CREMATORIUM MEDICAL ATTENDANT? I WROTE
TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS. A WOMAN RANG ME
AND SAID SHE WAS AT COLLIER'S OFFICE LOOKING
AT MY COMPLAINT SHE SAID I HAD NOT
COMPLAINED ABOUT THE AMOUNT UNTIL
I HAD A ACCIDENT AND NOW NOT WORKING
COULD NOT AFFORD TO PAY. SO I WAS COMPLAINING
BUT I HAD ACTUALLY BROKEN MY FINGER
SO MUCH FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS
GREG COLLIER RANG AND SAID HE WAS
GOING TO COURT WITH THIS AND WOULD SELL
ME UP A SHERIFF BROUGHT THE SUMMONS

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AND SAID HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANYBODY
BEING TAKEN TO COURT FOR A FUNERAL
I SAID GRIFFITH IS A BIT DIFFERENT AND
TOLD HIM ABOUT BARTTERS AND THE BANK
HE SAID. CAN YOU LINK GREG COLLIER
TO BARTTERS I SAID. NO. HE SAID GREG
COLLIER IS BARTTERS BIGGEST SHAREHOLDER
I WENT TO THE COURTHOUSE FOR A PRE
TRIAL REVIEW. IT WAS JUST ME AND THE
CHAMBER MAGISTRATE. HE TOLD ME COLLIER
HAD MY SIGNATURE ON A ACCOUNT. I SAID
IT WAS FILLED IN AFTER I SIGNED IT HE
SAID YOU CANT PROVE THAT. I SAID THERE
IS \$120 FOR DEATH CERTIFICATES AND THEY
WERE FREE. HE SHOUTED AT ME YOUR
TALKING CRIMINAL. NOW. I KNOW GREG
HE WOULD NOT DO THAT. I SUPPOSE
HE WOULD KNOW GREG HAS ALSO THE
CORONER. I SAID I WANT TO TAKE OUT
A SUBPOENA TO SHOW THE RECEIPTS. HE
SAID. "OKAY/40 BUCKS I TOOK IT OUT
BUT WAS NEVER SHOWING THE RESULTS
OF IT. WHEN I WENT TO COURT MY
QUESTIONS WENT UNANSWERED. THE
MAGISTRATE SAID UNFORTUNATELY HE
HAD TO COME DOWN AGAINST ME
BECAUSE THEY HAD MY SIGNATURE
HE GAVE ME 12 MONTHS TO PAY
AFTER THE TRIAL I FINALLY GOT THE
EVIDENCE TO GO TO THE POLICE. A
DARLINGTON POINT COP FLATLY REFUSED
IT A WITTON COP. SAID BRING
IT TO WITTON HES FIX IT. THEN

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HE CHANGED HIS MIND / RANG WAGGA
WAGGA POLICE AND ASKED WHAT TO DO
THEY SAID TAKE IT TO CREAMBALLY
I GAVE IT TO SERGEANT DARIN WILSON.
HE SAID LEAVE IT WITH ME I'LL
STUDY IT LATER. AT WEEKS END IT
WAS IN MY MAILBOX IN A PLAIN
ENVELOPE WITH A HANDWRITTEN NOTE
DISMISSING IT. SERGEANT WILSON THEN
BEGAN HARRASSING ME AND TRIED TO
EJECT ME FROM A PARCEL OF LAND I
HAD LEASED FOR 28 YEARS / COMPLAINED
TO DARLINGTON POINT POLICE AND THINGS
STOPPED. THERE ARE NO SECRETS IN THE
BUSY. I HAD TO GO TO PARRAMATTA
TO BUILD A STEEL MURAL FOR HEAD OFFICE
OF GOUGH AND GILMOR (CATERPILLAR)
WHILE IN SYDNEY I WAS CONFRONTED BY A
FEDERAL DETECTIVE SERGEANT. HE SAID HE WAS
GOING TO HELP ME WITH A PROBLEM I HAD
BACK HOME. HE ASKED FOR THE FILE NO
OF THE COURT CASE FOR THE FUNERAL
AND MY MOTHERS ASHES WOULD BE DELIVERED
TO MY PLACE BEFORE I RETURNED HOME
AND I WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY THE INTEREST.
I TOLD HIM I HAD NO IDEA OF THE FILE
NO. HE GAVE ME HIS CARD AND TOLD ME
TO GIVE HIM THE FILE NO WHEN I WAS HOME.
I TOLD ALL OF THIS AND MORE TO A
CRIMESTOPPER OVER A LONG PERIOD.
SUDDENLY THE UNDERTAKERS PREMISES BURNED
DOWN. I CONTACTED THE UNDERTAKERS TO FIND
OUT ABOUT MY MOTHERS REMAINS

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AND WAS TOLD EVERYTHING WAS GONE
I ENQUIRED ABOUT THE INSURANCE COMPANY
AND RECEIVED A SOLICITORS LETTER THAT
GREG COLLIER DID NOT WISH TO REOPEN
THIS MATTER.

THE OUTCOME OF THIS IS THAT GREG
COLLIER RECEIVED A INSURANCE PAYOUT
AND A NEW FUNERAL PARLOR
AND MY MOTHER REMAINS ARE IN THE
GRIFFITH TID

A POLICE INSPECTOR INTERVIEWED ME ABOUT
MY PROBLEMS WITH THIS AND ORGANIZED
CRIME HE WAS VERY POLITE AND SAID
IT WOULD ALL BE INVESTIGATED BUT HE
ONLY LOOKED INTO THE SERGEANT WILSON
PART. AND FOUND NOTHING IMPROPER
APPARENTLY IT WAS MY FAULT
THIS IS NOT THE ONLY ATTEMPT TO OWN
MY TALENTS WITH STEEL AND OR MY
LAND ON THIS DRUG HIGHWAY

BUT IT IS THE LOWEST AND MOST
HUMILIATING

I HAVE THE EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT
WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN IS TRUTHFUL AND
HONEST

THE ONLY BRIGHT NOTE

BARTTERS ARE NOW IN DECLINE

REGARDS

