

My name is Thomas Maule and everything i write here is what happened to me when being represented by Nicola Gobbo.

15 or so years ago i was charged with assault charges for no reason.

I was at a nightclub and saw my sisters then boyfriend kissing another girl with his top off.

I approached him and told him that i would be letting my sister know, it ended up in a verbal fight.

My sister was not with him anymore and he was angry at me.

About a month later my sister had a party in her house she had not invited him and had not even talked to him in a few weeks. I Was at the party with some of my friends and my brothers friends and of course my sisters friends and was having a good night.

My whole memory of what happened is this. I Walked out of her front door, and i then woke up in hospital after being unconscious for twenty minutes.

What had actually happened is that the X boyfriend was waiting there for me with his 2 brothers and believe it or not his F— — —d up mum who had drove them down there to get me.

They hit me over the head with a bat and i then hit a bluestone and was knocked out. Then they kicked me. My brother and a friend heard this happening and walked out the front. They saw what was happening and called a few friends who then joined in on the fight and destroyed the horrible brothers. I shed no tears for them.

The next morning i woke up and looked like the elephant man and was extremely concust.

I was told by nurses and friends that the police had interviewed me, but i cannot remember that at all. Later on i would find out that they used this interview as evidence. What a disgraceful performance that is from our police First off.

I have been brought up old school and did not press charges as that's just not me, but the 3 brothers did and the only names they new were mine and my brothers so i found out they were going to charge me and i could not believe it. I was not worried at all

i went to see my [REDACTED] with my brother and we left his office with a skip in our step after he told us that we couldn't lose this case and that he would have them crying on the witness stand by the end of it.

The day of the court case me and my brother turned up to court at around 9:40 thinking we would see Bob Galbally and looking forward to getting some justice after it was a slow recovery and i have been left with epeleyic Auros since.

We then were approached by [REDACTED] Nicola Gobbo who introduced herself and told me i would have to plead guilty.

I said there was no way that i would be pleading guilty and told her that i could argue this case just on the fact that what were these people doing in Richmond out the front of my sisters house at 10:30 at night when they are from Reservoir. I also had 40 or so witnesses to what happened. Also that i was in hospital with severe concussion when these idiots of police that i had had a history with had interviewed me.

She then told me that if i didn't plead guilty i could do 10 years for affray assault charge that she would get dropped. She also told us stories about people who had represented themselves and had gone to jail one story after another. I then got called into court. First court case of the day so that i only had 20 minuses to take this all in. I was still going to plead not guilty but the shock value from walking in very confidently to this situation told to me by a woman i had never met was overwhelming. I was asked by the judge what i would plead. She told me if i plead guilty she would get me off with a conviction and a fine or i would probably go to jail. A court room is defineatly not a comfort zone of mine and the shock of it all i thought about going to jail or it being all over in 5 minutes. I made a mistake at this moment and plead guilty. I was told by the judge that i was a disgrace and he fined and convicted me. I was so angry and still have no faith in our justice system. I was a ward of the state as a kid and had a lot of altercations with Richmond police and we did not get along. We have always thought it was weird that i was not contacted before the court day to tell me i should plead guilty and i know for a fact i would of gone somewhere else. I also found it weird that i was first up on the court day. but the weirdest thing is being told that the case was unloseable and then this happening. You may laugh but i would pass any lie detector test you could give me and tell you now that the barrister Nicola Gobbo made me plead guilty to make this a quick court case for the police and the prosecution. I have no respect for our justice system and i hope this dodgy priveliged barrister goes to jail like she told me i would. Hope this helps. Thomas Maule