

LAVAC

5 Q. Mr Bullock, in your membership of the Narrabeen Sharks would you agree that as at 9 April last year there were among the members or persons associated with that club a number of police officers?

A. I think - I can only remember one.

10 Q. Who was that?

A. Glen Winter.

Q. Was there another one by the name of Fruedenstein?

A. Fruedenstein?

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Q. Fruedenstein.

A. He wasn't involved with the club last year.

20 Q. Yes, but was he involved with the club in the past?

A. Yes, he was.

Q. How long prior to 9 April last year was he associated with the club?

A. He was associated with the club two years ago.

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Q. And you knew him personally?

A. Yes, I did.

30 Q. Would you describe yourself as mates?

A. Yes, I would.

Q. Would you confirm that Mr Fruedenstein is in fact a high ranking police officer in the northern beaches area?

A. Yes, he is.

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Q. He was in fact in command of the Manly police station for some years; do you agree?

A. I didn't know that.

40 Q. Were you aware or have you become aware since 9 April last year that you could, if you wanted to, take legal proceedings in a civil court against this man, possibly against Surf Rock and possibly against the security company that was involved if you wanted to take legal proceedings against your injuries?

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A. Yes, I could.

Q. You are aware of that?

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Q. Who told you that?

A. I had legal advice.

55 Q. Have you been told also by your advisers that your task, if you decided to take legal proceedings, would be considerably easier if a conviction occurred in this trial?

A. They said it didn't matter whether a conviction

April 2006; was he still associated with the club at that time?

A. He has moved away. I'm not too sure when he moved away, but he moved up the Far North Coast.

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Q. There is a Fruedenstein still playing with the Narrabeen Sharks, is there not, his son?

A. No, no.

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Q. You don't know about that?

A. He is not still playing, no. He used to play with me, yes.

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Q. But you are certainly aware, are you not, that Mr Fruedenstein is a very, or was a very high ranking police officer in the Manly and northern beaches area; you are aware of that?

A. Yep, yep. There's two of them actually, so I'm not too sure which one you are talking about.

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Q. Do you know the young Fruedenstein, the son of Mr Fruedenstein?

A. Yes.

VERY VERY OMINOUS

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Q. Were you at the hotel with him on that night?

A. Yes.

Q. He was at the Surf Rock on the night of the 8th of April, wasn't he?

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A. I can't recall if he went there or went home after the pub.

Q. But he was certainly there at some stage on 8 and 9 April?

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A. I think so, yeah.

Q. And he is the son of the high ranking police officer, Inspector Fruedenstein, isn't he?

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A. Yeah - oh, inspector? No, I'm not too sure which one you're talking about. They are both police officers and one is his uncle and one is his dad, yeah.

Q. Would you confirm that both of those people are also mates of Mr Bullock?

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A. Yeah, I wouldn't say mates, but, yeah.

LAVAC: Thank you, your Honour.

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Q. You said you "wouldn't say mates, but yeah"; what do you mean?

A. They obviously know each other through the football club, but I don't know if they're mates.

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Q. You said that this younger gentleman by the name of Fruedenstein was at the pub. Which pub are you talking about?

ITS NOT UNUSUAL

unusual in a hard game of rugby league that some contact often occurs between the heads of opposing players?

A. That's true.

5 Q. And that's pretty usual in any game, isn't it, right?

A. In a game of football, yeah.

Q. Not only that, but if somebody tackles hard, contact could be made with an opposing player's boot?

10 A. Yep.

Q. Contact could be made with opposing players' elbows or fists?

A. Yes.

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Q. Now, you were aware that Mr Bullock was playing rugby league at about this time, 8 and 9 April of 2006. You were aware of that?

A. No.

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Q. He played in a game the week before, didn't he?

A. Yes.

Q. And the week before that?

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A. I'm not too sure, but maybe.

Q. You've told us also that he was watching the footy on the Sunday. That would have been Sunday 9 April, is that right?

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A. The 9th, yes, it would have been.

Q. That would have been within about an hour of being released from hospital; would you agree with that?

A. I'm not sure what time he got released from hospital.

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Q. You can take it from me he was released about 9.30am. What time did the footy start?

A. 3.30, 3 o'clock.

25 year charges??

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Q. So it would have been within a short space of a few hours that he was at the footy and watching it?

A. He didn't watch the whole game. He just came to tell why he was not playing and he went home.

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Q. Did you see him drinking beer while he was watching footy or while he came up there?

A. No.

Q. You didn't see him drinking any beer?

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A. No.

Q. All right. Now, in your experience with the Narrabeen Sharks that you both play for?

A. Yes.

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Q. Were there any police officers, associated with the Narrabeen Sharks, playing?

A. There have been, yes.

police connections

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Q. I am asking you about 8 and 9 April. Were there some police officers associated with that club as at 8 and 9 April?

5 A. I don't think so. Not that year, no.

Q. Not that year. You're quite sure of that?

HIS HONOUR

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Q. This is last year, 8 and 9 April last year, not this year?

A. A police officer has coached us before, but he was not coaching us last year. Is that what you are saying?

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LAVAC

Q. Were any of the players police officers at that time?

A. Yes, sorry, yes, one of them was.

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Q. All right. One of them was?

A. Yes.

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Q. Do you know his name?

A. Glen Winter.

Q. Glen Richard?

A. Winter.

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Q. Was he a police officer attached to Dee Why to your knowledge?

A. Surry Hills, I think.

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Q. Was he a local at the Northern Beaches at that time?

A. Yes.

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Q. During your friendship with Mr Bullock, no doubt you have met his wife Schye, would that be correct?

A. That's right.

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Q. You'd go out together on the weekends, do you?

A. Just at football, really.

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Q. What about drinking in clubs such as the Surf Rock Hotel from time to time?

A. Every now and then.

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Q. Are you aware as to whether or not Schye Bullock was thrown out of the Surf Rock on previous occasions to 8 and 9 April?

A. Not really. I wouldn't have a clue.

Q. You were never present when she was ejected from the Surf Rock?

HIS HONOUR: So what's the relevance of police officers?

5 LAVAC: You will recall that I mentioned to you the other day that there will some cross-examination of police in relation to an investigation which the defence says was fatally flawed from the beginning.

10 HIS HONOUR: So what?

LAVAC: Well your Honour it's not just a matter of so what. My client was, it's going to be part of our case, that he was singled out for special treatment by the police because he'd thrown a number of police officers out of that place in the twelve months prior to that. There will be allegations of misconduct being put to those police, allegations which go as far as trying to influence witnesses in the prosecution case and in the defence case and that is something your Honour that the jury is entitled to hear.

20 HIS HONOUR: You're going to go so far as to allege that particular police had tried to warn witnesses off or tried to influence the evidence they'd given?

25 LAVAC: Tried to influence the evidence certainly your Honour. My friend knows what I'm talking about. I've asked him if he could find out for if there is in existence a particular tape of a particular incident which we have never been supplied with and which has never been disclosed to us but it will become important in the defence case. That's the reason I ask whether there is any connection between the victims and police officers who played football for the Narrabeen Sharks and we now know so far there is at lease two police officers. An officer named Winter and a very senior officer named Freudenstein who are both known and connected to the victim.

30 HIS HONOUR: Yes but I still find it very hard to follow I've got to say. I mean it's one thing where police come along and give evidence against someone. The very last trial I had as a barrister in this very courtroom was a case in which my client contended that all the evidence against him was given by police officers. There were no other witnesses and his contention was that they'd all fabricated the case against him and therefore we went and got a whole lot of material to the discredit of these police officers. Each one of them was cross-examined to show they had a motive for doing this that and the other.

45 Now that's easy to understand because if their evidence was disbelieved there was no case. There were no lay witnesses. In this case the only witnesses to what occurred were lay people, there were no police present.

50 LAVAC: It's part of the defence case and it will become--

HIS HONOUR: But I don't know which particular witnesses are supposed to have been leaned on or influenced.