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Dear Madam / Sir

Lack of action by the police on crime report BS 5604102 / 02C

The above crime report number was issued following a number of incidents I reported to Chelsea Police station on Monday 18 February 2002 from 18h40.

These incidents (which took place during February 2002) were:

1. Friday 1 - Somebody pushed my door bell at 22h45.
2. Friday 15 - At 23h45 a small, hard object, possibly a little stone, was thrown at my windows.
3. Sunday 17 – I received what I counted as 8-9 anonymous phone calls in succession from 21h50 – until I switched off the ringer on my phone. I immediately phoned BT who asked I phone back in the morning ie. Monday 18. I requested that BT places a trace on my phone.
4. Tuesday 19 - When I phoned BT in the morning they told me they had in fact been able to trace the calls made to my phone on Sunday 17, and that they counted 13 calls – *“all made from the same number”*. Needless to say, I was delighted by this news.
5. Tuesday 19 - Another seven anonymous phone calls were made to my phone between 17h53 and 18h43.
6. Wednesday 20 – In the morning, I reported the previous night calls to BT. They said they had traced them.

They asked me to sign a form with the police so that BT could release the telephone numbers to them. I said that I had been asked to sign such a form on Monday 18 when I went to the police station.

Later on that morning I phoned the police station. Eventually, I was told that **the form had been lost.** (I am not complaining about this. These things happen). I was also put through to DC Adams, CID, who faxed me another form to sign. I sent it back by fax around 11h30.

7. Thursday 21 – I phoned BT to find out if they had been contacted by the police. They had not.
8. Friday 22 – BT told me they had been contacted by the police and had sent details of the calls to them.

Having had this news, I phoned DC Adams to determine how long it would take to identify the subscriber. Firstly, he told me that the calls had been made from two numbers: a mobile phone and a land line number. He added that in the case of the **land line number, what was “very odd” was that there was “no subscriber”**. He said he had passed on the numbers to a specialist unit.

Secondly, as a result of insisting on getting an idea of time as to when I would hear back from him, he told me that it “*could take several weeks*”, and that in the case of one mobile phone operator – it “*once took four (!) months before I received a reply*”.

I just could not believe it. “*The police’ had to wait weeks and even months to get that information?*” Also, how could there not be a subscriber for a land line number?

This led me to feel that the police did not want to investigate my complaint. I phoned back BT explaining the situation and to ask if they had an investigation department. While they said that they do not conduct investigations, they confirmed that the mobile phone operators can take weeks to reply to this type of enquiry.

I also repeated to them the information I had obtained from the police, namely there was no subscriber for the land line number – and that, clearly, this could not be possible. They told me that the telephone number is supplied by a company other than BT, hence their inability to identify a subscriber. (However, the impact of this mis-communication by the police only reinforced my feeling that the matter was not being taken seriously).

I am very distraught by this situation as I believe the perpetrator to be Andrew David Ladsky, an individual who lives in my block of flats – and I identified him as such when I lodged a formal complaint at the police station on Monday 18 February.

The reasons I am identifying him as the perpetrator are:

1. (Partly with the help of our local Citizen Advice Bureau) As representative of a small group of residents, I have in recent weeks opposed/ challenged matters relating to the management of the block. Among others, these include contacting our local Tenancy Relations Officer at the Royal Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall who is currently trying to get the name of the directors and company secretary for the headlease which, by law, we should be provided with. (In his letters to the managing agents and other parties he gives my name as being the person requesting the information).
2. (Although we have not been formally told) we have enough evidence to conclude that Andrew David Ladsky is the headlessor/ is closely associated with the headlease for our block of 35 flats
3. I live in the basement, below the main entrance to the building. Hence, when my door bell was rung on 1 February, and when a small hard object was thrown at my widows on 15 February, I was able to hear that, within a split second of this, the front door was open (this requires a key). I heard footsteps along the corridor, then the lift mechanism was operated for a considerable period of time i.e. it went up several floors. Andrew Ladsky lives on the top floor in flat 35.
4. On Tuesday 26 February when I came back from work, (as he had done on two previous occasions), Andrew Ladsky seemed to jump out of nowhere behind me as I was entering the building. He pushed me (admittedly not with much force) to pass by me in the corridor. (When I commented on his behaviour, he told me to “*get lost*”).
5. Other residents have, like me, suffered harassment and intimidation from Andrew Ladsky. (I seemed to be the only one who has also suffered assault).

When I first spoke to CID, the immediate response was that “*nobody else has complained about him!*” (making me feel as though I was the criminal). When I said that a resident in flat had, the response was: “*the 71 year old man*”. What disturbed me about this was not only the implied suggestion that a complaint made by a man of this age can be dismissed, but also

the reason as to why I was first told that “*nobody else had complained*”, when in fact, the officer knew that this was not the case.

In actual fact, it is my understanding that another two residents have also complained to our local police station of harassment and intimidation by Andrew Ladsky:

- Mr in Flat said to have done so last October/November and,
- Mrs who used to live in flat . (She was my predecessor in terms of driving resident association matters. I have several letters from her –dated early on last year - giving details of harassment and intimidation by Andrew Ladsky).

I should say I have only mentioned these two residents to the police in the last few days. I did not do it earlier as I assumed that, with a computerised database, the link would be made with my complaint.

To this I should also add that, when I provided this information, I was unable to speak to either of the officers assigned to the case (DC Crockett stands in when DC Adams is unavailable). The person I spoke to (I did not get her name) said she would pass on my message. During the course of this conversation, I also reported to her the assault incident of Tuesday 26 February. (It seemed to me that she was entering this information on the database i.e. adding it to my case, but I may be wrong).

Subsequent to this, on Monday 11, I spoke to DC Crockett. He said that the message had not been passed on to him. He also said that he had not heard from the phone providers. At this point I told him I would write to you to complain.

The only possible chance I have of proving that Andrew Ladsky is harassing me: identifying the caller for the anonymous phone calls – is, to date, being denied from me.

Admittedly, the calls might have been made by somebody else. But I very much doubt it. I believe that the circumstantial evidence listed above highlight Andrew Ladsky as the prime suspect.

I need to know – one way or the other.

Fourteen working days have gone by since the police received the information from BT. During this time I have been living in a state of siege:

- I feel anxious and apprehensive from the time I arrive in my street
- I have disconnected my door bell, fearing that it would continue being rung at night. (It happened on another occasion in addition to 1 February)
- I no longer speak up when I answer my phone
- There is a trace on my phone.

Please help.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

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