

I just want to inform the Status of Women Committee of the many sexually inappropriate situations that I had occur to me over many years and in many different situations and how I felt in not being able to deal with them because of my rank and the fact I am a female in the military.

Incident #1 – In the summer of 1992, I was sexually assaulted while on tasking in Suffield, AB. I was sleeping in the trailers where the doors didn't lock and I had a man walk into my room and raped me. I told the Military police, but they accused me of lying because I told him I saw a guy with blond hair. They kept me in cells for five hours, then they insinuated that I was a lesbian and asked me if I was sure that I wasn't a lesbian. They investigated me, said they found the guy then asked me to pick him out. I said that it wasn't him then they said that he was and I again reiterated that wasn't him they had the wrong guy. I repeated to them it was a guy with blond hair and it wasn't until couple weeks later a week later I saw the guy in the eating mess. I said to my Sergeant and my Master Corporal at the time that he was there in the mess. They picked him up and arrested him and he basically said yes that he raped me. They let the other man go, but it was very embarrassing on how the situation was handled and everybody looked at me differently and I felt like I had done something wrong.

Incident #2 – Wainwright, Ab- in around 1993-1994. I had woken up in somebody else's bed because I was given the Date Rape drug. I don't remember even on how I got there and it was extremely embarrassing to go up my Chain of Command. It's not like you can just come in and say "guess what?" I was raped, but I don't know by whom". It's more embarrassing then you can ever imagine, even though the guys said don't worry, nothing happen! "When your body feel different" you know something happen.

Incident #3 - I was on exercise(s) in Wainwright between 1993 and 1996 when I was on gun camp. I was a Vance party for the gun camp I would wait until the main party would get there and get my orders and then go to bed. I would go to bed early because I would have to be up early, around 4 o'clock, in order for us girls to be showered. Lack of bathroom(s) and one shower made it for a few of us needing to go to bed early. Well, then one night I found myself with a man we on top of me raping me and doing things up. I didn't think I would find myself in the position that I could not say a word because these higher supervisors Sergeants are Officers. They had been drinking all night, they were all friends; buddies per say all in the Chain of Command. How embarrassing if you say one word, it becomes a strike against you and who would believe me because they all buddies or were they say who would believe you because I am a Sergeant or an Officer, this happened on many occasions so it's better just to keep your mouth shut.

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There was another time when the RSS staff we turned around and asked to have sexual relationship with you because his wife thinks you're pretty how embarrassing and you say I'm not a lesbian. I do not want to have sexual relationships with the staff, but they continue to ask about having a sexual relationship. You try to turn them down nicely and it turns into an embarrassing situation and then you feel even more uncomfortable because you feel that is the only reason they keep looking at you is because they want to have sex with you. They would say well this is going to stop your career from moving forward. Or they would say; well only see a little girl in you.

Incident #4 – 2012, when I was working at Valour Place a gentleman would say "Oh, you have such a beautiful chest I would like to have sex with you. Let me touch your breasts they look so comfortable."

Or "Look at this bed, it must be a great bed, let's try it out it looks comfortable.

Or he would try to reach over and give me a hug.

When you say this is very inappropriate you need to stop!

I have a boyfriend or I have a husband doesn't seem to stop these people from showing their strength in rank to hold over you.

Who's going to believe you, they're going to believe me before they going to believe you because they out rank you.

This is an few things that has happen to me.

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