

from prison industrial complex explodes

Mercedes Eng

my dad is inside when I am born. after I come out we live in Vancouver a bit then move to Abbotsford to be closer to the prison. we visit almost every weekend, both days, 8 hours a day.

he gets out when I'm 2, but goes back because later I remember my mom saying I have a surprise for you and I think it's a record player. but it's my dad behind the door, home from jail. so he went somewhere between 2 and 7, somewhere with dinosaurs and a bumpy gravel road.

we are on the highway in Vancouver, starting our drive back home to Medicine Hat. the car stops suddenly and then there are two really angry men yelling "open the fucking door!" they smash open the window and they're both grabbing my dad, one by the hair, the other by the throat. it looks like they wanna strangle him. my dad is kicking, he's fighting. but it doesn't work, they take him and he's gone.

there is a good time, we move to a bigger house. but something happens and my dad is gone again. but then he gets out and he is straightened out and he is working the gas fields and there is money and our allowance goes up and my little brother gets G.I. Joe everything for Christmas and my mom is happy.

we spend summer vacation at the women's shelter.

we run into an old friend visiting her new old man in Drumheller prison and when we go out for dinner after she makes me blush with her pronouncement that I'm "getting titties."

I'm 13 the next time my mom pulls the surprise behind the door trick and I feel sick.

at 15 and 16 I use my mother's visits to my father, the ones she makes me and my brother go on less and less frequently, as opportunities to run away from home, succeeding on the third try.

I'm 19 the last time I visit my dad inside, the last time he's inside, a prison 40 km away from the prison he escaped from just before he met my mother.

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Gendarmerie royale du Canada

July 9, 1984

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Mr. Sue Dong ENG
Medicine Hat, Alberta

Dear Mr. ENG:

This has reference to your complaint of December 8, 1983, regarding the possible theft of a gold necklace from your effects during escort.

Please be advised our investigation into your complaint is continuing and you may expect further correspondence in due course.

Yours truly,

Assistant Commissioner

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Gendarmerie royale du Canada

August 14, 1984

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Mr. Sue Dong ENG
Medicine Hat, Alberta

Dear Mr. ENG:

This has reference to your complaint of December 8, 1983, alleging that our members were responsible for the theft of your necklace. Following your complaint a thorough investigation was conducted. I have now had the opportunity to review the material.

The investigation revealed that your necklace did go missing some time prior to, during, or after your escort from Medicine Hat City Police Cell Block to the Lethbridge Correctional Centre. However, the person(s) responsible could not be determined. In my view there is no evidence to support your allegation of theft.

Notwithstanding my decision in this matter, the criminal allegation in your complaint was thoroughly reviewed by a Senior Agent of the Attorney General's Department, who agrees with my findings.

Your claim against the Force had been referred to the Department of Justice for their review and decision.

Yours truly,

Assistant Commissioner

Department of Justice Canada
Royal Trust Tower, Edmonton Centre
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2Z2

October 11, 1984

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Mr. Sue Dong Eng
Drumheller Correctional Institute

Dear Sir:

I refer you to an incident occurring on or about December 8th, 1983 wherein you have alleged the loss of a necklace owned by yourself while you were being transported from the Medicine Hat Police cells to Lethbridge Correctional Centre. The Crown is prepared to compensate you in the sum of \$150.00 for the apparent loss of your neckchain.

I have enclosed a form of Release in respect of the alleged loss to be signed by yourself and a witness. Upon receipt of completed Release I will requisition and forward a cheque payable to yourself in the sum of \$150.00.

Yours truly,

Edmonton Regional Office

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that Sue Dong Eng, of the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, does hereby remise, release and forever discharge Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, Her servants, employees, agents and assigns, from all matters of action, claims or demands, of whatever kind or nature that Sue Dong Eng ever had, has now, or can, shall or may hereafter have reason by loss of property owned by Sue Dong Eng to wit: one gold or gold coloured neckchain.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that this Release shall only be effective when payment shall have been made on behalf of Her Majesty in Right Of Canada to Sue Dong Eng the sum of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars.

the apparent loss

the alleged loss

a gold neckchain

a tight rope

a border

a revocation

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada wears a lovely
gold-plated neckchain of copper