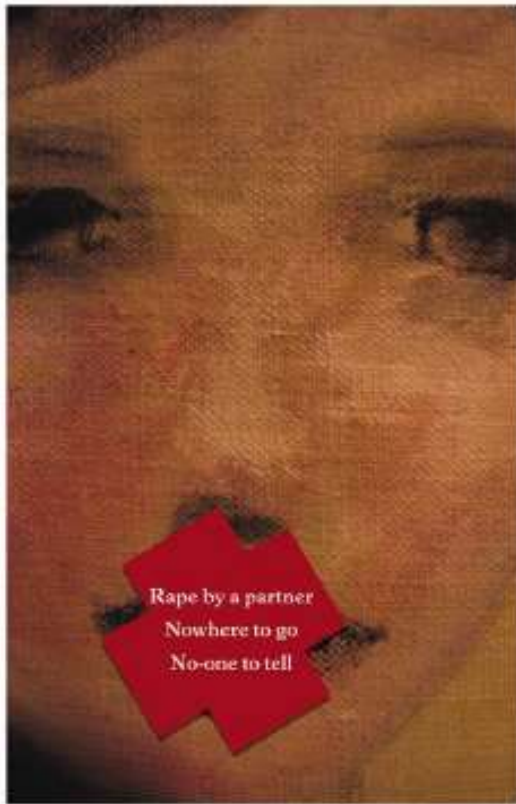


Overcoming fear to say the words 'Partner Rape'



Raped by a partner

A research report

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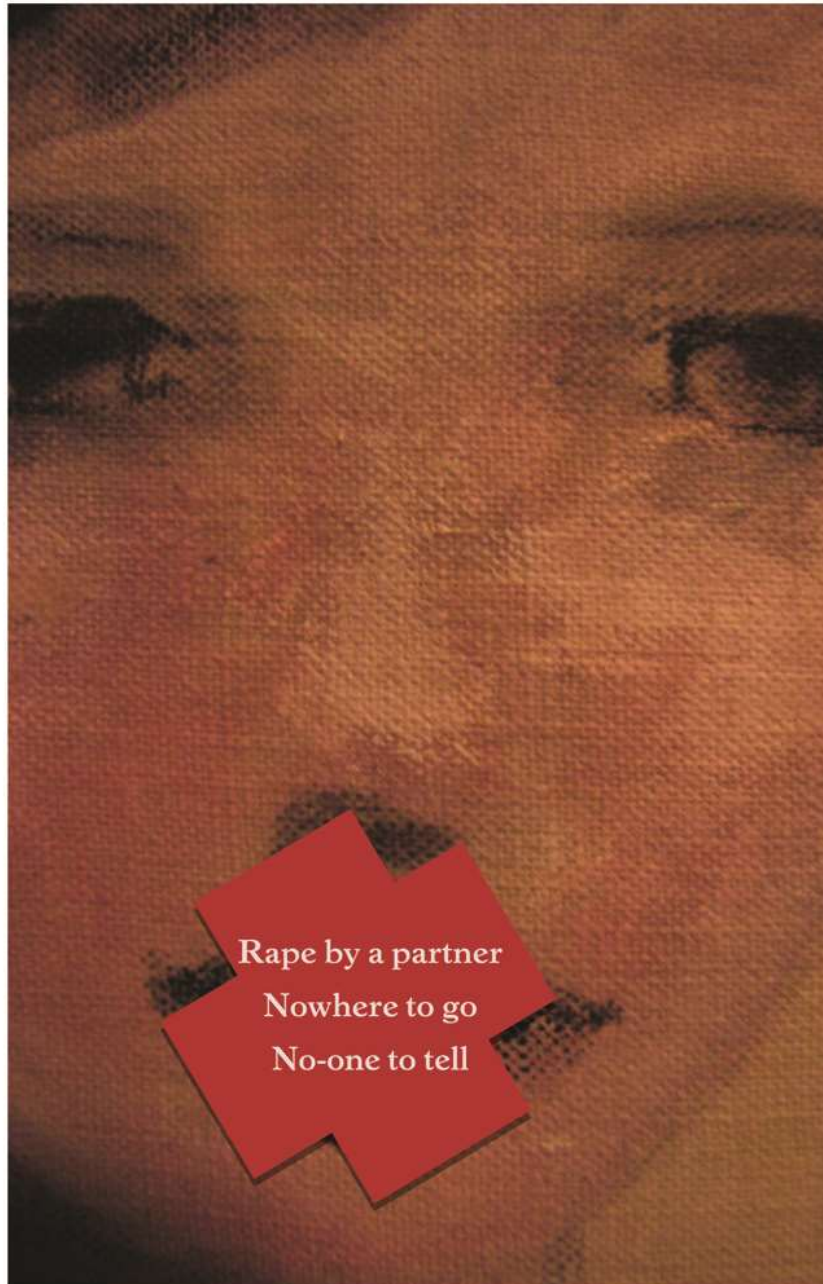
A NORTH East woman whose husband was jailed yesterday for trying to rape her says she owed it to her daughters to report it.

Loretta Holmes's four children witnessed the attack in January, 2007, for which Rodney Stuart Holmes, 41, will serve at least 2½ years in prison.

Yesterday she urged other women to come forward if they too were the victims of domestic abuse.

"If I ever hear that one woman spoke out because of this, I know I've done the right thing," she said.

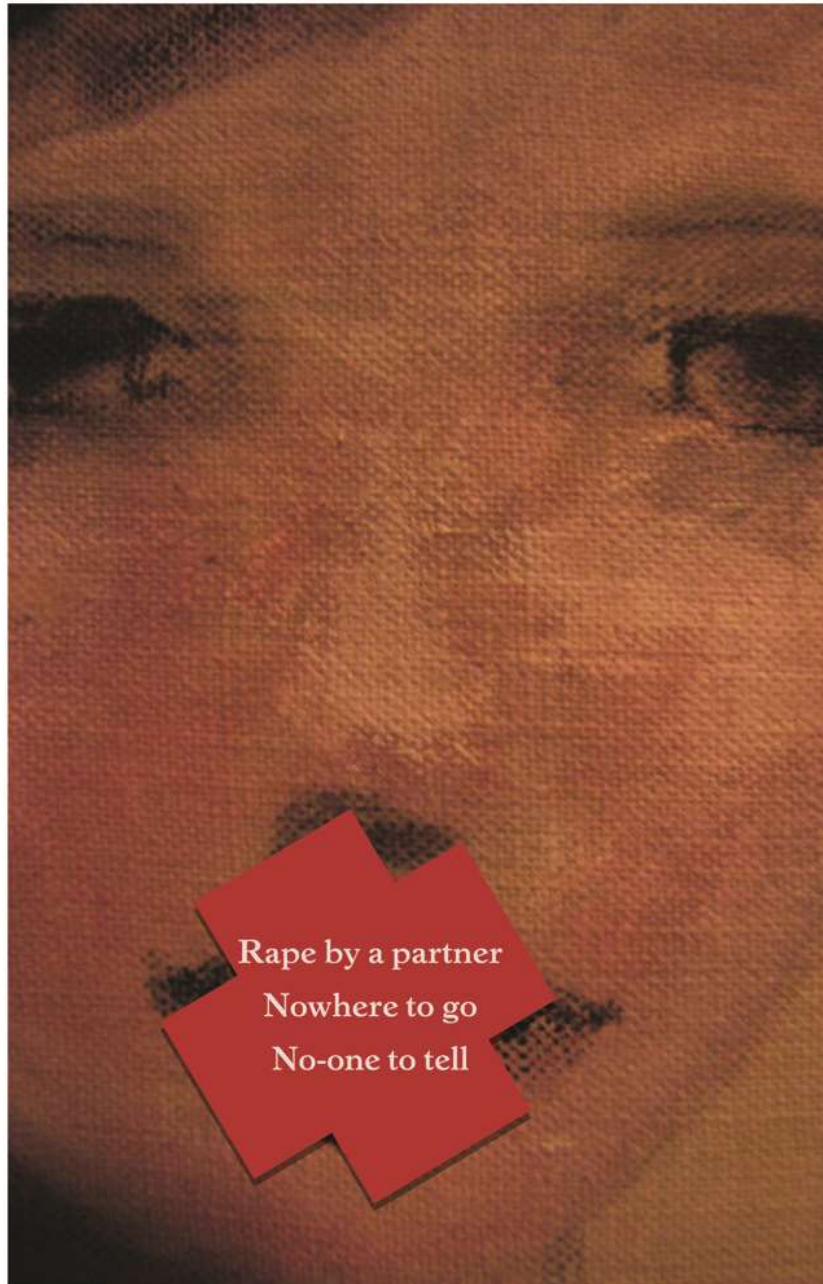
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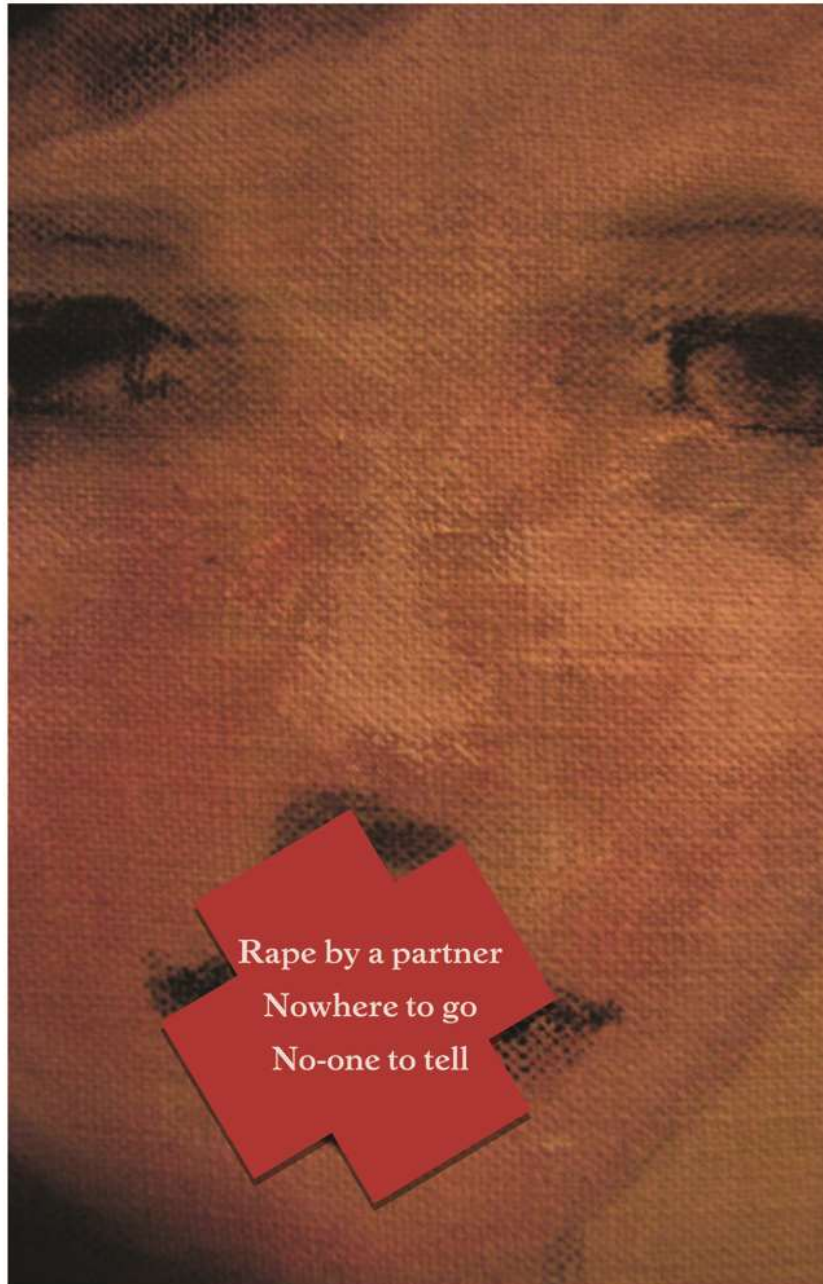
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**Leading Snr Constable David Bagley, SOCAU
Professor Caroline Taylor**



Christine Nixon, Victoria Police Commissioner 2001-2009



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Partner rape is a crime punishable by 25 years imprisonment (Crimes Act 1958).

you can help in just four steps:

1. **ASK:** *Are you safe within your relationship?*
2. **NAME IT:** *What you've just described to me is rape and it's a crime.*
3. **RESPOND:** *Give contact details of the local CASA, Domestic Violence Service and Victoria Police SOCA Unit.*
4. **FOLLOW UP:** *'Last time you spoke about your safety, I'd like to know how you are now.'*

FOR HER, IT IS LIKE THIS...

I was crying, yelling, screaming, saying, 'It's hurting, let me go'. But he never stopped. I was too naïve and too scared to say no, but I do remember saying no ... it was useless, he went and did it anyway.

He said, '...lay down and take it and I'm having some and I'm gonna take it', and that's what he told me. I said, 'No you're not', and we ended up in a big fight, but he was stronger than me.

● Contact:

- i. **CASA – Centres Against Sexual Assault**
1800 806 292 (all hours). www.casa.org.au
- ii. **Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service of Victoria (24 hours)** 1800 015 188
www.dvirc.org.au
- iii. **Victoria Police Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Units** located within all police regions 000 (ask for the SOCA Unit)
- iv. **Victims of Crime Support Line**
1800 819 817 (8.30am-11pm)
www.justice.vic.gov.au/victimsofcrime
- v. **Mens Referral Service – 9428 2899**
or 1800 065 973 (9am-9pm)
www.ntv.org.au

FOR HIM, SHE THINKS IT IS LIKE THIS...

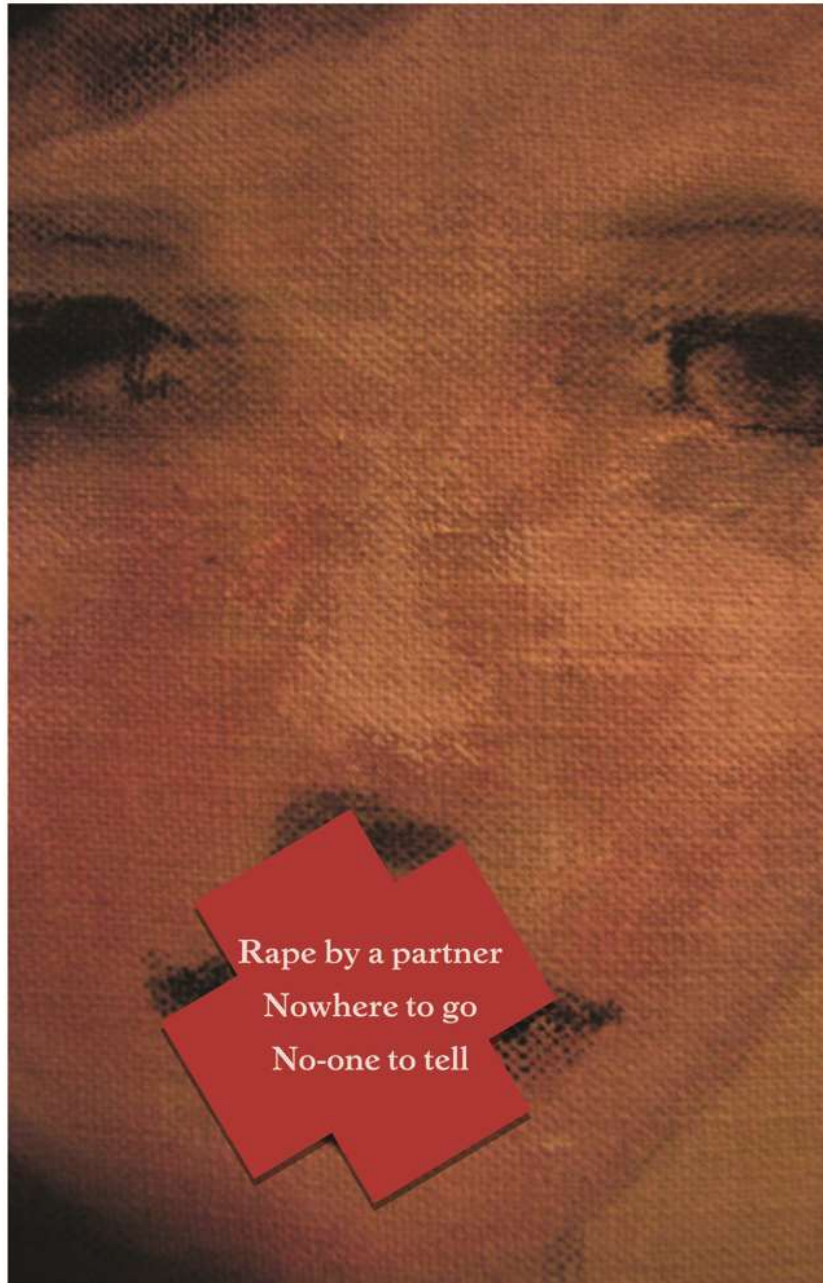
He thought it was his right. He owned me with his piece of paper [the marriage certificate]. He didn't think there was anything wrong with doing what he did.

'All men do that'.

He said, 'You're my wife – we had sex'.

He wouldn't say it was rape.

I don't think he would even remember the night and what happened if I asked him today.



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