

## Lynch Mob And Constant Death Threats Robbed Me Of My Defence

First of all – I am and have always been innocent of these bullshit allegations.

The levels of threats and abuse were deliberately designed by scum to get their filthy lying hands on \$10,000 each, free money from the disgusting New Zealand government, and the continued force, pressure, stress, prison aggression etc etc over the period I should have been able to defend myself against these allegations was shocking to say the least. It was also completely condoned by the cops who did nothing to intervene other than to produce lies and allegations against my family.

**To all these animals I say this.**

**I AM FUCKING GLAD MOST OF YOU CUNTS ARE DEAD AND IT FILLS ME WITH PLEASURE EACH TIME ANOTHER OF YOU PIECES OF SHIT SNUFF IT!!!!**

**Most liars are now dead. I do keep watch as a newspaper owner, reporter and editor and I see them come up. Usually in multiples.**

**Fuck all of you!**

Without this pressure and abuse against myself I feel it would have been defensible. However, Mal Wehi, a prison officer at Tirohanga Paeroa Prison where I was wrongfully locked up told me in these exact words “My wife is Merehe Wehi – one of the social workers involved with DSW with several of your boys. She told me you were “never going to be allowed to walk away from this”. He was the acting Unit Manager at the time. He then said “If you tell anyone I told you this, I will deny it”. I indicated I would keep it quiet but 30+ years has gone by and I am now exposing everything in a series of books.

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Parents 'a  
lynch mob'

Parents who subjected a man charged with sexually abusing their children to "extraordinary pressure" were little better than a lynch mob, the High Court at Christchurch was told yesterday.

The man, Anthony Robert Foote, aged 34, a Department of Social Welfare foster parent, was jailed for four years and three months on five charges relating to incidents of oral sex and masturbation on boys under 13.

Counsel for Foote, Mr Stan Barker, likened the parents to a lynch mob and said they had milked the case for "every ounce of publicity".

The "extraordinary pressure" had been brought by indignities directed at the accused on each of the five occasions Foote had appeared in court.

Parents had also placed derogatory signs on their cars parked outside the court, Mr Barker said.

"For one time in their lives they are occupying the high moral ground. It was not without reason these children were put with him."

When Foote pre-

viously appeared in the District and High courts on the charges he was greeted with jeering and hissing. Insults and threats were shouted and at a recent High Court appearance he was told "hell has not started for you yet, mate" as he was leaving the court.

At a recent appearance of Foote a car outside bore a placard reading, "One Foote in the Grave".

Mr Barker said he was concerned about the victim impact reports because of the parental influence on the complainants.

The driving motive for the parents was their anticipation of a \$10,000 payout in accident compensation, he said. Some had already spent the amount.

Mr Raoul Neave, for the Crown, said the attention paid to the parents by the submissions from Mr Barker was not helpful. The parents were not the real victims.

Pressure had also been placed on the complainants by Foote's supporters so that "evened the situation up", he said.

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# Foster parent jailed for sexual abuse

A Department of Social Welfare foster parent was yesterday jailed for four years and three months for sexually abusing boys under his care over a six-year period.

In the High Court, Mr Justice Tipping said Anthony Robert Foote, aged 34, had stood in the place of a father to the boys who were placed in his care by the department and parents.

The five charges on which he was being sentenced were representative charges and covered incidents of masturbation and oral sex that had occurred over the last six years.

His Honour said he accepted that no extra brutality or force had been used in the offences, and that Foote had done some very good work with difficult and damaged boys.

Considerable pressure had been directed towards the accused by the parents of the boys, but that could not mitigate the sentence.

The accused was a first offender who

accepted the need for help and counselling. The obvious aggravating features of the case were the breach of trust and the length of time the offending went on, His Honour said.

Mr Stan Barker said some of his client's former charges still felt love and affection for him and wanted to see him. The boys still held him in high regard and letters from the department indicated the excellent work the accused had done.

Victim impact reports done on the boys had to be viewed with suspicion because the boys may have been influenced by their parents, Mr Barker said.

The boys had been fostered for a reason and had been damaged before they came into Foote's care.

Mr Barker said Foote was a reasonably intelligent man and accepted the need for counselling.

He had been accepted by the Kia Marama programme.

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## Foster parent convicted

Court on November 12.

As he was moving from the dock to the cells a man in the public gallery called out, "Rest in hell".

Sergeant Peter Summerfield told the court that Foote was a department-approved foster parent. On a regular basis the department placed young boys with the defendant whose role was to provide parental guidance and a safe environment.

Two of the abused boys were welfare placements. The other three boys were the children of friends who entrusted them to Foote's care.

The offending involved Foote masturbating and performing oral sex on the boys.

When apprehended Foote, a first offender, offered no explanation other than to say he was sorry and wished it had never happened, said Mr Summerfield.

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## Cheers greet conviction

Cheers and applause from about 20 people in the public gallery greeted the conviction of a man on indecency charges. The man, a Department of Social Welfare approved foster parent, was committed to the High Court for sentence on December 3 on charges of indecency on five boys under the age of 13 between September 1989 and last month.

In the District Court yesterday Judge McDonald declined jurisdiction. He said he found conflict in letters containing a degree of affection from the complainants written to Anthony Robert Foote, aged 34, with the contents of the victim impact reports. Neither had he had time to read a sheaf of letters handed to him by a court attendant from parents. These, he said, would be forwarded for the sentencing judge to consider.

He also questioned the dates of testimonials submitted relating to Foote's excellent work with what counsel, Mr Stan Barker, described as "damaged or difficult" children placed in his care and asked whether they had been written prior to the offending.

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Mr Barker said while accepting that the offending was of a serious nature none had been committed in a forceful or brutal way. He submitted that aspects of the exact nature of the offending in the police summary had been somewhat misleading.

In reply to a question from Judge McDonald regarding the contents of the victim impact reports with the letters received by Foote in prison from the children, Mr Barker said it was not unknown for complaints put to police under parental guidance in relation to child abuse cases to be slanted for monetary gain from the ACC.

The cheers and clapping from the public gallery occurred as Foote left the dock for the cells. Not seen by the defendant was a car outside the main door of the court that bore a placard reading: "One Foote in the Grave".

Foote had earlier admitted charges of indecency on five boys after police earlier withdrew the original charge of committing anal intercourse on a boy under 10.

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#### SUPERVISION

A student earlier convicted of stealing her mother's Cashflow card and using it on 16 occasions over a period of a month to obtain cash and property to a value of \$1726 was sentenced to supervision.

Judge McDonald told Linda Anne Preston, aged 19, that stealing from her parent was a miserable offence. As a result of the offending the mother's account was reduced to a balance of 90c.

Preston who had offered no explanation for the offending was ordered to make reparation in full by a down payment of \$300 and the balance at \$10 a week.

Counsel, Miss Kristy O'Connor, said the funds obtained by her client were used for living expenses. None of the money was used on drugs and alcohol.

#### FURTHER REMAND

Bradley Marchant Page, aged 24, a car salesman, was further

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