

Nevada Woman Seeks Justice After Alleged Wrongful Prosecution and Law Enforcement Inaction

As Law Enforcement Delays Action, Victim Fears for Her Safety While Bryce Porter Lindsley Remains Free.

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When a man makes an accusation, he is believed. When a woman does the same, she must fight to prove she is telling the truth. This reality has played out in the case of Melanie Lindsley, who was arrested on uncorroborated claims of Domestic Violence and Assault with a Deadly Weapon. At the same time, her sworn statement, evidence, and multiple witness accounts of stalking, harassment, and sexual violence by her husband have been ignored.

Despite Nevada laws protecting victims of domestic violence and stalking, the Storey County Sheriff's Department and District Attorney Anne Langer have failed to act on the clear, documented allegations against Bryce Lindsley, Melanie's soon-to-be ex-husband. Meanwhile, Melanie was immediately arrested based on his unsupported claims, which resulted in the loss of custody of her two tender age children and she was required to wear an ankle monitor for nearly eight months, which has been removed since her felony charges were dismissed.

The hypocrisy is glaring:

- When a man makes an accusation against a woman, he is taken at his word.
- When a woman reports abuse, she is asked to "prove" it beyond all doubt.
- When a man lies to the police, there are no consequences.
- When a woman speaks out, she is treated as the problem.

The Storey County Sheriff's Department has so far refused to charge Bryce Lindsley, even though law enforcement admits that his actions meet the criteria for stalking and harassment under Nevada law, the sexual assault charge has been described as purely circumstantial despite sworn statements. Failing to see the big picture of the systemic abuse that has occurred for the nine years they've been married. Meanwhile, District Attorney Anne Langer is aggressively prosecuting Melanie Lindsley on a baseless misdemeanor assault charge, even after a higher court dismissed her felony charges due to lack of evidence.

Instead of seeking real justice, DA Langer appears more concerned with preserving her 100% conviction record than evaluating whether pursuing this case serves the interests of fairness and public safety.

This is not just a personal case but a civil rights issue. The system is stacked against women, favoring men as credible, reasonable, and trustworthy, while women are treated as unstable, unreliable, and dishonest.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & POLITICAL FAILURES ENABLE INEQUALITY

Sheriff Michael Cullen was elected on promises to reform the department, yet the double standard in law enforcement remains glaringly apparent:

- Men get the benefit of the doubt; women must fight to be believed.
- A man can manipulate the system to punish his victim, and law enforcement enables it.
- The laws meant to protect victims are only selectively enforced—against women.

Melanie's case has been brought to the attention of Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill, District Attorney Anne Langer, and County Commissioners Jay Carmona and D. Gilman, all of whom have been notified of this gender disparity in law enforcement but have yet to take action to address it.

- Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill, who has previously advocated for law and order, has remained silent despite this apparent injustice.
- County Commissioners Jay Carmona and D. Gilman have the power to demand accountability within law enforcement but have yet to take no steps to do so.
- DA Anne Langer, rather than pursuing justice, is more concerned about her political reputation than whether her prosecution of Melanie Lindsley is fair.

Meanwhile, Bryce Lindsley remains free of charges, even though law enforcement openly admits that his actions meet the criteria for stalking and harassment.

THE FAILURE TO PROTECT WOMEN

- Selective Prosecution: Melanie's case was dismissed due to a lack of evidence, yet the stronger case against Bryce is not even being pursued.
- Failure to Protect Women: Despite clear criteria for stalking and harassment under Nevada law, the Sheriff's Department has failed to act.
- Judge Eileen F. Herrington has denied a recent TPO filing from Melanie despite having evidence to support it, including a police report filed in September of 2024.

THIS IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE

The unequal application of justice is not just a failure of law enforcement—it is a violation of civil rights. Women are entitled to equal protection under the law, yet time and time again, the legal system prioritizes the rights of men over the safety of women.

Melanie Lindsley intends to fight back. While she prepares to hold Bryce Porter Lindsley accountable for manipulating the court system to prosecute her wrongfully, she also demands an investigation into the law enforcement practices that allow this inequality to persist.

"This is not just about me," Lindsley stated. "This is about every woman who has called the police for help, only to become the one in handcuffs. This is about every woman who has had to prove her trauma while her abuser walks free. It's time for this to stop."

MELANIE LINDLSEY'S CALL FOR PROTECTION

Melanie is now seeking legal representation and swift legal action before her situation escalates. Despite following every legal step, she continues to feel unprotected and vulnerable, while Bryce remains free despite significant evidence supporting her allegations.

“I shouldn’t have to wait until something happens to me for law enforcement to take this action,” Melanie said. “I have already lost my children due to his false accusations. I have had to rebuild my life while living in fear. When will my safety matter?”

Advocates for domestic violence survivors and victims of wrongful prosecution are calling for greater oversight of how law enforcement is handling cases like Melanie’s. There is an urgent need for policy changes that ensure that victims are not left vulnerable while their abusers remain unchecked.

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