

VOICE TO PLEAD THEIR INNOCENCE, JUSTIFY CRIMES AND FIND LOVE



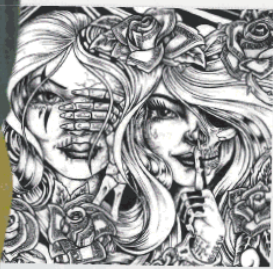
Dannie Wright

Wright is serving a minimum of 18 years for the 2007 rape and murder of Chinese student Jiao Dan just a day after he was released from jail for other crimes.

“I am serving 18 years for murder (I freaked out on ice). I am starting to go brain dead.”

“I used to tattoo and restore old cars and hot rods, now I occupy myself by painting, drawing, playing guitar and trying to maintain a holistic approach to health and fitness which is everything from the gym to the yoga mat.”

“I’ve enclosed a picture which is a design for one of the guys that has now found freedom.”



this area.” Wright was jailed for a minimum of 18 years over the attack on Ms Jiao after the Supreme Court was told brutal details of how he stalked and attacked the 22-year-old commerce student after getting off the same train at Stirling station.

He bashed, strangled and sexually assaulted the young woman with a bottle before leaving her unconscious and semi-naked just metres from

her Innaloo home. She died hours later from pneumonia and her injuries.

Ms Jiao’s grandparents became ill with grief and died within months of the attack while her mother also had a mental and physical breakdown.

Other WA prisoners with profiles include serial paedophile Christopher John Bentley and hit-and-run murderer Luke David Taylor.

Bentley’s profile pre-dates his 2018 release into the community on a strict supervision

order. He breached the order months later but it is not known if he is back behind bars.

His crimes include a prolonged and degrading sex attack on a young woman in her Bunbury home in 2001 and other attacks on teenage girls.

In his profile, Bentley draws on the beliefs of Greek philosopher Socrates, and talks about his treatment and conditions in jail, corruption and his primary purpose being to serve others.

Taylor, who is serving life with a minimum of 12 years for a fatal hit-and-run, wrote that

Chris Bentley

At the time of creating his profile Bentley was serving a long sentence for a prolonged and degrading sex attack on a young woman in her Bunbury home.

He was released from custody in 2018 on a strict supervision order but breached the order months later. It is not known if he is back behind bars. His shocking crimes include the 2001 attack in Bunbury and a series of other sexually motivated attacks on teenage girls. On his iExpress profile Bentley draws on the beliefs of Greek philosopher Socrates and talks about his treatment and conditions in jail.

“I look forward to the possibility of connecting with many of you,” he wrote.



Luke David Taylor

Taylor was serving life with a minimum of 12 years for a hit-and-run that killed 29-year-old Sudanese refugee William Maker at a bus stop in Merriwa in 2013 when he created his profile. He admits to driving without a licence and fleeing the scene but claims the crash was an accident.

“I was arrested for running someone over (with no licence) and then fleeing the scene of a crime. It was an accident, I did not mean to hurt anyone but I should not have been driving and I should not have been driving so fast and stupidly.”

“I am very upset that I did such a stupid thing and someone has lost their life. I think about this guy’s family all the time.”



Unnamed transgender prisoner

The male-to-female transgender woman was serving an 11-year sentence in Acacia Prison for child sex offences at the time of creating the profile. She includes copies of her appeal documents and letters written to family members including children.

On the iExpress profile, she details the difficulty of being locked up in a male prison as a transgender woman and also claims she is trying to prove her innocence.

“I am an untraditional male-to-female transgender woman detained in a male prison due to still having a male body,” she wrote.

“In the end I had to self-represent myself as the majority of lawyers I approached declined to represent me even though I have solid ground of a miscarriage of justice.”

“Sadly, in Western Australia, an accusation is seen as definitive evidence of having committed a crime.”

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Acting WA Victims of Crime Commissioner Kati Kraszlan said the website was “horrific”.

“Not only does giving these offenders an acceptable public voice re-traumatise their victims, it re-traumatises and diminishes the experiences of all victims of crime,” Ms Kraszlan said.

But Justice Action co-ordinator Brett Collins rejected criticism, saying all people had a right to express themselves.

Mr Collins said prisoners had

the right to protest their innocence, even when convicted, but that profiles were edited to ensure nothing critical or negative was written about victims.

“It provides a chance for people inside prison to present themselves in a new form and quite often in an aspirational form,” he said.

“The intention is that it should be a community-building exercise in that people are brought back into the community in a conditional way and are able to present themselves in positive terms.”