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"security breach" which ended with a young woman traumatised inside the offices of Parliament House. Serkan Ozturk investigates.

It's sadly just the latest example of sexual violence, abuse and cover ups that we now expect of the establishment in Australia.

A junior Liberal Party staffer just weeks into her "dream job" gets targeted by a more senior colleague during a work-related social outing and plied with alcohol before being taken back to a quiet office in the early hours and raped while partly unconscious.

That was the allegation outlined by 24-year-old Brittany Higgins, who told Channel Ten's *The Project* earlier this week in a searing interview that she had felt pressured to not take action over the incident which took place two years ago, in March 2019, so as to protect the "brand" of the Liberal Party.

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And we've seen that brand protection exercise in fruition publicly this week, with the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, going to great lengths to claim he had no idea about the incident involving Ms Higgins until just a couple days ago. That's despite three of his own senior staff being aware of the events soon after they occurred. Fabulously, the Prime Minister expects the public to believe him when he – a known control freak – espouses he knew nothing. Even former PM, Malcolm Turnbull, has **called that out** as bullshit.

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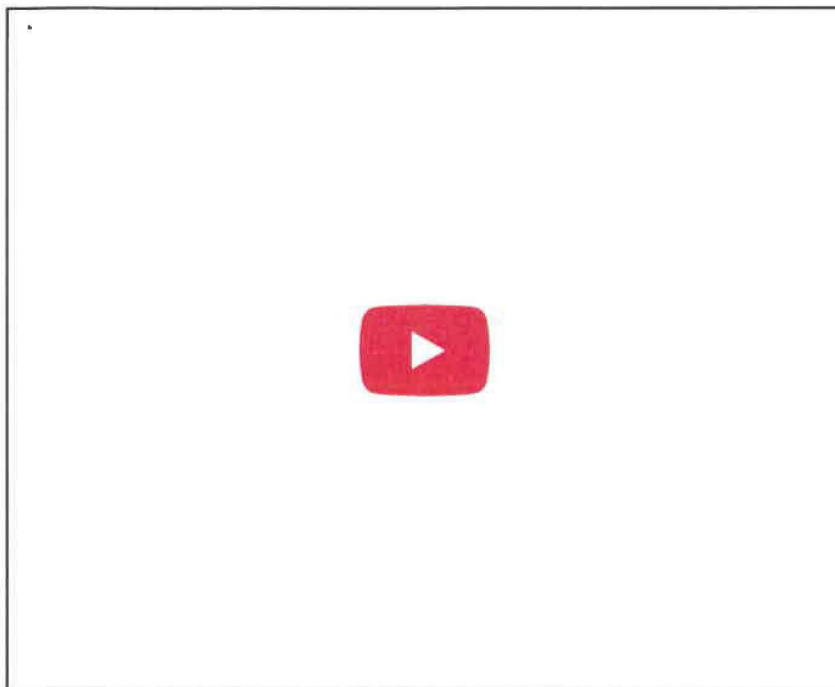
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According to the story relayed by Ms Higgins to the media, soon after the traumatic incident occurred inside the office of Defence Minister Linda Reynolds, one of her colleagues – another adviser – was allowed to resign over a so-called “security breach”.

The identity of that person has remained anonymous, for two years. Until now.

True Crime News Weekly can exclusively reveal the identity of the political staffer who resigned over the security breach as Bruce Lehrmann.



Bruce Lehrmann: Resigned over a "security breach" inside the office of his boss Defence Minister Linda Reynolds in March 2019 (Image: Twitter / Supplied)

It is perhaps easy to see why the Liberal Party and their mates in the media have helped keep this "security breach" quiet for two years now.

For it seems Mr Lehrmann was quite well connected within the party and being groomed for a major role in politics.

According to a now deleted LinkedIn profile, Lehrmann was educated at the Australian National University and graduated with a degree in Arts and Policy Studies.

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Oct 2018 - Mar 2019 · 6 mos



Health Policy Adviser & Senate Adviser

Office of the Minister for Rural Health, Sport & Regional Communications · Full-time
Dec 2017 - Oct 2018 · 11 mos



Health Adviser

Office of the Assistant Minister for Health · Full-time
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The Australian National University

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The LinkedIn profile of Bruce Lehrmann that has since been deleted or deactivated (Image: LinkedIn / Supplied)

Soon after, the young Liberal had scored himself some cushy positions within Federal Parliament. From March 2016 until August 2017, he was the office manager for then Attorney-General, high-profile senator George Brandis.

According to a bio of a recently deleted Twitter account, Lehrmann has stated he had been working as a policy adviser to the Liberal Party since 2013. The Twitter account

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belonging to Mr Lehrmann **was active and live** until at least just two months ago.

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Mr Lehrmann was **one of the persons thanked by the outgoing Senator Brandis** during his valedictory speech given to Parliament in February 2018, just about a year before Mr Lehrmann himself would resign.

From August 2017 until December 2017, Mr Lehrmann was an adviser in the office of the Assistant Minister for Health.

Between December 2017 until October 2018, Mr Lehrmann was then going by the moniker of 'Health Policy Adviser & Senate Adviser' within the office of the Minister of Rural Health, Sport and Regional Communications.

From October 2018, Mr Lehrmann was then a senior adviser to Minister Reynolds, first in her role as Assistant Home Affairs Minister and then as Defence Minister from early 2019. According to the now deleted LinkedIn profile, Mr Lehrmann left his position with Minister Reynolds in March 2019, the same month the incident involving Ms Higgins occurred.

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Then, just two months after losing his job inside Parliament House over the "security breach", Mr Lehrmann somehow scored himself a lucrative position with Ogilvy PR – who just happen to be **a Liberal Party aligned public relations and lobbyist firm** which largely does work on behalf of the corporate status quo.

According to the deactivated LinkedIn profile, Mr Lehrmann left his position with Ogilvy mid last year. It is unclear as to where Mr Lehrmann may be working as of today.

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True Crime News Weekly does not suggest whatsoever that Mr Lehrmann has engaged in the alleged rape of Ms Higgins, but we do state that Mr Lehrmann was the individual likely captured on CCTV footage alongside Ms Higgins inside Parliament House on the night in question, and that soon after the incident he was the person to have resigned from Minister Reynolds' office over a so-called security breach.



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Mr Lehrmann has been contacted over one of his social media accounts for comment to this story. He has not responded. However, a few hours after this story was published, Mr Lehrmann **checked himself into Sydney's Royal North Shore hospital**, according to other media reports.

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FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 5:17 PM

Nice work there Serkan. It will be interesting to see if this dude has anything to say outside of a court of law.

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Lorna Clayton says:

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 6:43 AM

Excellent sleuthing, but please ensure your publicising the perp doesn't jeopardise justice.

If he is prosecuted in the public square, he may never be considered able to get a fair trial.

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Matthew Ross says:

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 AT 8:27 AM

100% what I am thinking and im going to speak to someone about this

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How about he has his head kicked in the public square.

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FEBRUARY 20, 2021 AT 6:21 PM

Great article. Thanks for publishing the story details that the Liberal-Party aligned media refuse to publish.

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Let's hope your article doesn't jeopardise true justice .. there's such a thing as innocent until proven guilty

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Townsville Magpie has an interesting little tidbit about this alleged rapist:

<https://www.townsvillemagpie.com.au/unfriendly-fire-the-real-reason-behind-the-facebook-ban-morrison-s-lip-service-to-stiffen-rupert-s-business-end/>

No verification, but interesting. Someone should follow up with BAT.

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APRIL 12, 2021 AT 8:31 PM

He looks like the Hot Chocolate Rapist (in his "Cleo Bachelor of the Year" days)...

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