

We The People  
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Good Day to you. A disturbing real life story today about unprovoked violence here on the Gold Coast at sleepy Mudgeeraba. Introducing Andrew Patchett, a resident of the Gold Coast and a quiet ordinary bloke who has worked for himself all his life. Andrew is an honest citizen of 67 and works hard to keep food on the table. In many ways his life is unremarkable like most of us but his own moral credentials and ethical standards are high. He is a man of his word and generous when needed. Andrew owns and runs a successful wholesale car yard at Mudgeeraba and has done so for 38 years. Earlier this year a young bloke bought a white Volkswagen Transporter vehicle but because of its age and mileage it did not have a warranty which they made clear to the buyer and he acknowledged this with his signature and so a perfectly legal and open honest transaction occurred. The vehicle was in good order.

Now down the track the young bloke reported problems with the vehicle's motor and although there was no requirement for Andrew Patchett to fix the problem he willingly did so to help the young fellow. He suspected however that the vehicle had been poorly treated as can happen with young males. In the end it cost \$6,500 to repair the damaged motor and all Andrew asked for was \$2000 which the buyer agreed to at the time. His salesman was amazed at his generosity while Andrew Patchett's response was that the young bloke needed a hand, so why not. Now fast forward to July 2017 and the time had come for the buyer to pick up the repaired vehicle. He came to the yard with his alleged father but refused to pay the \$2000 owing and the older male became angry and threatening and released a tirade of foul language. The vehicle was running at this stage so Andrew reached in and turned the engine off so he could hear what the older agitated male was saying. Now I will use Andrew's words here to build a picture and I quote.....*"the older male grabbed me and pushed me, his face was going red and his eyes were bulging, he was very angry. His son lunged across the vehicle through the driver's seat and pushed my salesman up against the shed door because he was trying to help get the father off me"*. Both males now took to Andrew and were throwing punches wildly and in the melee the older fellow (quote) *"...threatened to kill me and burn and brick my car yard"*. Andrew has told me he firmly believes the older male was trying to kill him and that would not have been hard as Andrew has had five heart bypasses and two hip replacements. He desperately warned the assailant of that amid the assault. The melee was one sided, vicious and relentless and no mercy was shown to Andrew Patchett and to this day he lives with the injuries and the mental trauma. The event has affected his life and I doubt he will ever be the same. When discussing all this with him he came close to breaking down a number of times and his daily life and every waking moment is haunted by the assault.

As part of my investigation I spoke with a retired senior detective who worked at the Gold Coast CIB/criminal investigation branch and he is aghast that the Police have apparently not taken action regarding Andrew Patchett's formal statements and complaint. In fact he used the word "outrageous" and most unlike the police force he left. I know that the vast majority of Police are dedicated but to not move on these two thugs is very worrying and there must be a reason. One theory is that Police are regularly moved from one station to another location such as Surfers Paradise where there is a need to see uniformed Police for political reasons. I note the Mudgeeraba Police station has now had its counter hours reduced to 8 am to 3pm and again this may well be because of police numbers or lack of them. Perhaps no police action is because of other perhaps nefarious forces at play. Hopefully because of this broadcast something might happen because the lack of Police action regarding this thuggery should be a worry to all of us. Today Andrew Patchett and tomorrow maybe you or me or our family members. It has long been a fear of mine that exactly this kind of behaviour will increase as the Council and State require us to live like sardines. Social pressures build and then our safety and quality of life suffers. Be on your guard because the Gold Coast is not a safe place anymore.

**Until next time this is Kent Bayley**