



Helper of killer gets parole

AMBER WILSON

A WOMAN who helped her boyfriend hide from police after he murdered his unsuspecting housemate has been released from jail on parole.

Gagebrook father-of-two, Jarrod Leigh Turner (inset), was shot in the head while he was urinating on the side of Colebrook Rd in April 2019.

His killer, Shannon James Duffy, was jailed for life in 2020, with a non-parole period of 18 years, after having acted under the belief Mr Turner had sexually assaulted a young female friend.

On the night in question, Duffy's 22-year-old girlfriend

Jemma Rumley-Cantrell picked him up in her car – although she didn't know what her boyfriend's intentions were, or that he was carrying a gun.

Rumley-Cantrell drove the pair to various locations, including Seven Mile Beach, and then drove Duffy away after he had committed murder.

The pair spent five days hiding from police together at Fingal, with Rumley-Cantrell dyeing her hair a different colour to change her appearance and buying her boyfriend a new mobile phone and SIM card. Rumley-Cantrell was jailed in December 2020 for two years and four months after pleading guilty to being an accessory after the fact of murder, with a non-parole period of half that time.

In its newly published decision, the Parole Board of Tasmania said Rumley-Cantrell's relationship with her now ex-boyfriend involved "drug use and mixing with an anti-social cohort". The board noted it was her first sentence of imprisonment, which she had served in a "compliant manner".

"A significant aspect of her offending ... was her drug use and relationship. Neither of those factors appear currently present nor are they likely to become issues in the foreseeable future," the board said.



Healthcare for the deaf made easier



Tasmania Health Services Interpreter Services' Tracey Turner and Zeph Lyne-Spink.

Picture: Chris Kidd

ALEX TREACY

A PARTNERSHIP between the Royal Hobart Hospital and deaf advocacy group Expression Australia to make deaf experiences in the public health system more inclusive will eventually be expanded to all four Tasmanian public hospitals.

Through the Deaf Regional Health project, the two organisations would ensure deaf and hard of hearing patients can access health services in ways that meet their language and access needs, while increasing awareness of deaf culture among healthcare providers, Tasmania Health Service's co-ordinator of interpreter services Zeph

Lyne-Spink said. Initiatives at the hospital include providing tablets for video remote interpreting – when an in-person interpreter is not available – providing deaf awareness training and making available an Auslan communication toolkit with hospital triage questions in Auslan.

The hospital has also established a video remote interpreting (VRI) room under the project.

"Using VRI, any deaf person should be able to expect the same care that any hearing person can experience and have equal and equitable care," emergency department nurse Emma Vout said.

"I think it's going to be a revolutionary technology

that is going to help so many people and be an absolute necessity moving forward."

Mr Lyne-Spink said that once the project was fully operational at the Royal in October, the Tasmanian Health Service and Expression Australia would expand the program next year to the Launceston General, Mersey Community and North West Regional hospitals.

Tasmanian Auslan interpreter Stephen Nicholson, who is deaf, said the program would make healthcare more equitable.

"I found it very inaccessible to book an Auslan interpreter while attending medical appointments in regional Victoria and Tas-

mania," Mr Nicholson said.

"It will be brilliant when I arrive at health services and request Auslan interpreters, then they organise one without asking me zillions of questions about what an Auslan interpreter is."

According to a 2020 study of deaf and hard of hearing Australians' experiences in health systems conducted by Expression Australia as part of the project, 51 per cent of respondents indicated they felt unable to give informed medical consent because of a lack of communication available.

Forty-five per cent reported feeling unsafe accessing healthcare due to language and cultural barriers present.

Historic hotel hits market

ALEX TREACY

A BOUTIQUE hotel in northern Tasmania built in the 1870s is hitting the market for the first time since 2017.

Realtors HTL Property and NAI Harcourts are seeking expressions of interest for Launceston's Art Hotel on York, which was built in the 1870s and has undergone many transformations before its current art deco guise.

The hotel contains 24 well-appointed rooms, a refurbished manager's residence, restaurant and a French provincial interior courtyard.

Vendor Tony Berrigan, who has refurbished the Art Hotel since buying it in 2017, said it had been "fulfilling" to watch its transformation.

"We have no doubt the hotel is still in growth mode, and the incoming purchaser has a war chest of opportunity," Mr Berrigan said.

"This includes the potential expansion of an additional 12 rooms at the rear of the property, and potentially a wine bar in the private courtyard, and dining in the restaurant. We only operated without these to suit our personal lifestyles."

Agent Nic Simarro, director of HTL Property, said opportunities such as the Art Hotel rarely came on the market.

New mayor cost \$40k

IT has been revealed Derwent Valley ratepayers paid nearly \$40,000 to elect a new mayor after the former leader's shock departure in December.

Mayoral candidate Peter Binney asked how much the by-election for mayor and the recent recount for a councillor cost the council. The by-election was triggered after Ben Shaw quit suddenly. In February, Michelle Dracoulis was elected mayor in a by-election that cost \$38,098.

The recount for a councillor after the departure of Frank Pearce in February cost the council \$1249.

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