

## **Blind-Sided**

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Today I am waiting for a call from Gerard telling me why I have not received a check this month.

I answer, "hello how are you doing?"

He pauses and in a serious, hurt, and angry voice he says, "I hear you want me in jail."

"What?" I say as my whole body starts to shake and my face get flush.

"I hear you want me arrested."

"What?" I reply not wanting to know what he knows.

"Have you talked to anyone about the camera?"

My heart beats so fast I can feel it in my throat as I try to compose myself. There are so many thoughts going through my head I can hardly think but soon reply.

"I had but didn't think the law would have followed through on the little I told them."

His voice is now firmer. "There was a subpoena served to my lawyer for the video camera. Are you going to testify against me?"

"I don't feel comfortable talking about this."

"Well, are you?"

"I hope it doesn't come to that."

As Gerard talks, I sense his feeling of being betrayed. "I cannot believe you did this to me after two years of me trying to get my life back together." Paranoia set in while I worry, he may be recording me in hopes I will say something that could be used against me.

I am not going to send you any more money because you do not deserve it. "I will not be able to pay you from jail."

"I really didn't expect to get much anyways because of your financial situation."

During the silence I say, "I don't feel comfortable talking so I'm going to say good-bye."

The entire call last only two minutes but feels twenty have gone by. As I hang up the phone, I feel relieved the call is over. All I can hear in my head is this did not just happen.

Sadness comes over me as I think about what he must be going through but on the other hand I feel elated that the 'Wheels of Justice' are starting to turn.

I contact Detective Vahey regarding my call from Gerard.

Hello Chris, hope all is well. I wanted to tell you about a phone call from Gerard. He caught me off guard, so I was shocked and did not say much. He called Friday morning and said, "I hear you want me in jail." and I said what? and he repeated it again. He asked if I had talked to anyone about the camera. I said I had but did not think the law would have known.... (Not knowing what to say) He made a comment about how two years have gone by, and he could not believe I would do that while he was trying to get his life back together. He said there was a subpoena served to his lawyer for the video camera. He then asked if I was going to testify against him and I said that I hoped it would not come to that.