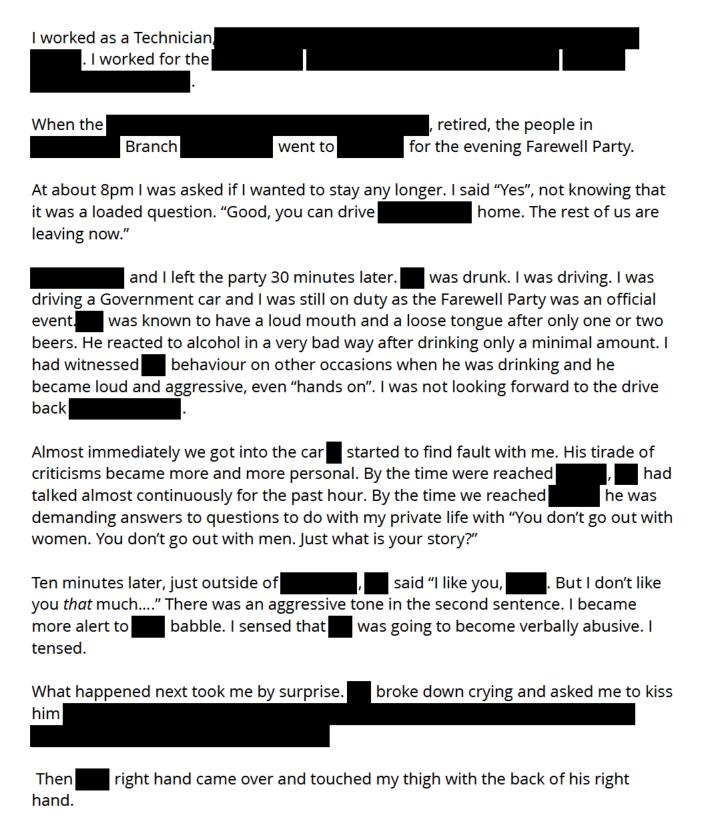
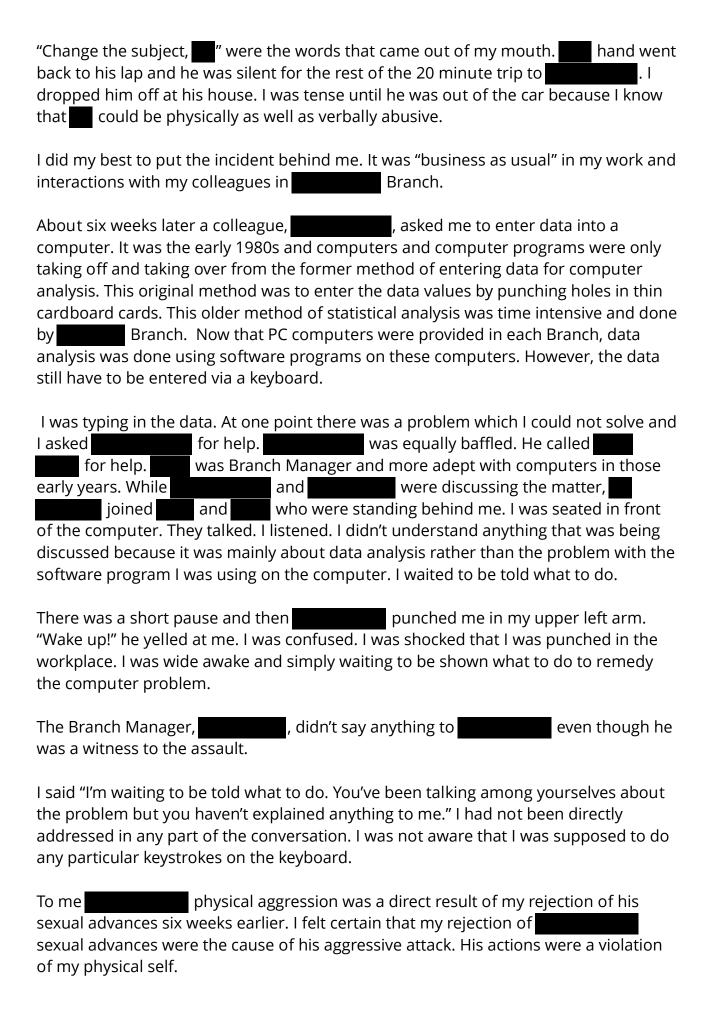
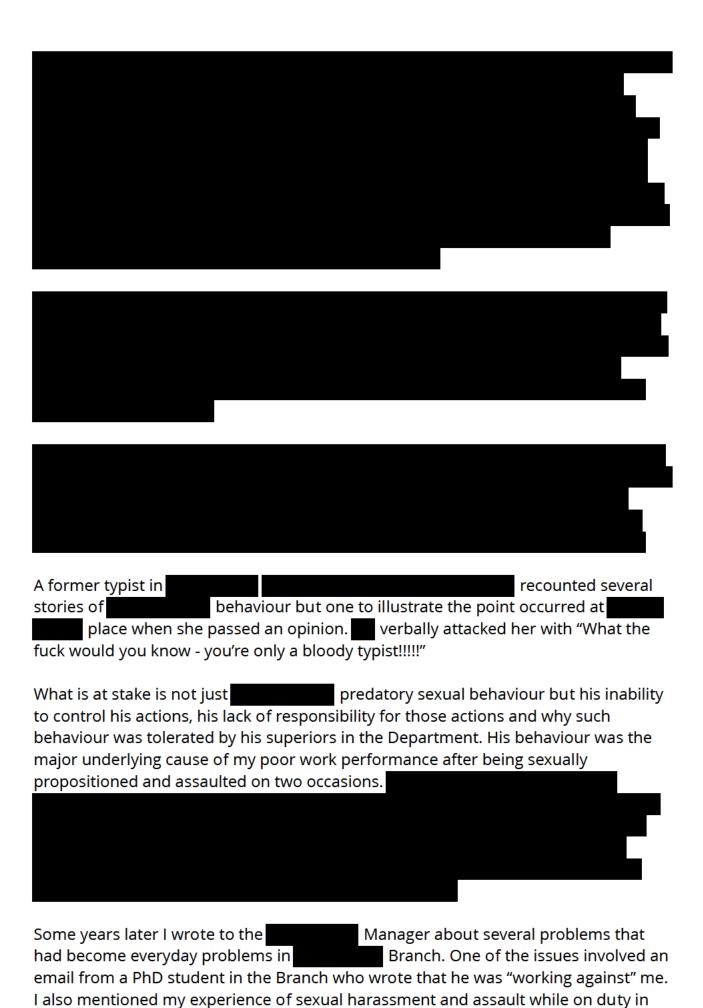
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I was overcome by an awful fear of claustrophobia, being trapped as it were, in the car with this person. I had to focus all my mental capacity and physical awareness on driving not to go off the road. I was in shock for a few seconds. Time went so very slowly.



After this incident, I was anxious whenever I was anywhere near entered the room, I discreetly left the room if I had been alone in the room. The assault was one thing but I was floored that didn't later speak with me to ask if there was a personal problem between and myself. I felt betrayed by the System as represented the Department at a managerial level.
This episode started to affect my work. I was making mistakes. I couldn't hold concentration. My mind was an eddy of confusion because of the proximity of, noticed my change of behaviour as much as my apologies when I make a mistake. He was patient with me. After another major mistake, I told why I had lost peace of mind and lost focus on the details of my work. He said "I'm sorry. I didn't know."
After some time I realised that my work output was suffering as a result of going out of my way to avoid about the problem. (I had hoped that he or would have approached about the problem. (I had hoped that he or would have approached me after witnessing me being punched at the computer but the incident was conveniently swept under the carpet in what has become to be a typical management method of dealing with such issues.) While listened uncritically, he offered no advice but did suggest counselling and told me not to worry that "it probably wouldn't happen again". I came away with the impression that mattered more that I did in the scheme of things as he was doing his PhD and I was a technician. Having approached and having received such negative treatment, I felt worse off than before I broached the problem.
But similar incident did happen again, in the dormitory accommodation provided during the Branch Workshops at During the middle of the night threw a pillow at me because I was allegedly snoring. I don't know if I was snoring or not. I do know, however, that I didn't sleep very well for the rest of that night nor the next.
By this stage I was thoroughly upset by behaviour. I loathed having to work in close proximity to him, particularly doing
So I went to my doctor to get some advice as to how to handle the situation. I told the whole story concerning behaviour and he gave me a referral to , a
psychologist



the letter. This Head Manager for the
wrote to me and asked me to sign a Statement that
"concurred" with the outcome of my complaint. NOTHING was done about my
complaint. Nothing. Absolutely nothing. did not do anything about
addressing the content of my letter. I wrote back to
refused to sign because nothing was done about the <i>several</i> issues that I had listed.
sent me the email several times to sign but I would not sign it because
nothing had been done to address my complaints and concerns.
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I was a whistleblower and lost my job with the
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Two years ago I requested copies of documents under the Freedom of Information
Act. In particular, I requested a copy of my letter to
not on file or on my file.
. My complaint was effectively neutralised by the removal and
destruction of the letter from file.

Nothing came of my complaint. I was stressed beyond measure. When my employment was terminated by the Department on the charge of Vexatious Behaviour, my Doctor put me on a Medical Disability Pension. I have entered retirement with having worked for the previous 16 years. This situation translates to a much lower Superannuation than I would have expected. I have experienced economic hardships. I still have nightmares about this period of my life. These workplace experiences have certainly affected my physical health and my mental wellbeing.