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HOW MANY MORE NEED TO SUFFER? INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF SENTENCING AND BAIL REQUIRED

The Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) is saddened and outraged after hearing news of the heinous assault of a woman by an alleged offender on a good behaviour order.

AFPA President Alex Caruana said that the incident was shocking, traumatic and abhorrent, and was another example of a violent offender allegedly committing serious offences, in complete disregard of the good behaviour order they were supposed to be serving.

“Our thoughts are with the victim and her family during this trying time.

“We praise and thank the ACT Policing and ACT Ambulance Services members that attended the scene, rendered first aid and arrested the alleged offender. Incidents like this are confronting and horrendous; there is no other way to describe it. We are reaching out to those ACT Policing members to offer any support we can in the aftermath of this incident.

“Unsurprisingly to us, and probably the ACT community, is that the alleged offender was on a good behaviour order. How often do serious crimes committed by offenders on good behaviour orders, intensive corrections orders, and bail have to occur in the ACT?

“Only ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Attorney-General Shane Rattenbury can answer that question,” Mr Caruana said.

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