

Missing man found safe

A MISSING Robroyston man has been found safe and well.

John 'Kenny' Wright was last seen by family members at around 5.40pm on September 29.

Police carried out extensive enquiries to find the 46-year-old whose disappearance was described as 'out of character' as he had never gone missing before.

At the time police said he was known to go for walks with his young son in the Robroyston area, but it was highly unusual for him to be out of touch with his friends and family.

Officers yesterday confirmed he has now been found safe and well.

Fears grow over Katrina



CONCERN is growing for a missing Bridgeton woman whose disappearance has been described as "out of character".

Katrina Reeves was last seen at her home in Broad Street at around 6.15pm on Saturday.

Police also say it's unusual for her to go off on her own and not be in touch with family, and they are growing increasingly concerned and just want to know she is OK.

She is around 5ft in height, with a slim build, fair complexion and fair, collar-length hair. When last seen, she was wearing a short black coat, black trousers and black boots.

Contact Police Scotland on 101.

Road works continuing

RESURFACING work on an East End road will continue until Thursday.

Workmen will continue to carry out repairs on the westbound carriageway of Duke Street between Carntyne Road and Cumbernauld Road.

The works will mean the road will be closed westbound only until Thursday. Diversions are in place.

The work started on September 18, but Glasgow City Council warned that delays were anticipated and that the work was dependant on weather.

EVENING TIMES INVESTIGATION

RAPE: THE VICTIMS' STORY

RAPE and domestic abuse victims, and staff working on the front line with survivors, say the courts and police are letting down victims, and the legal system is a deterrent for reporting sexual crimes.

In the first of a series of investigations, **HANNAH RODGER** reveals what survivors or rape face when trying to challenge their abusers in court. All of the names have been changed in this story to protect the identity of the victims.

Rose: 'After going through court I would not do it again'

DURING her 13-year marriage, Rose had endured years of mental, emotional and physical abuse.

Her ex-husband had battered her two young children, and beat her in front of them.

She was at first too scared to contact the police, and family pressure had forced her to stay with him - they did not want her to bring shame on them, or "damage" her children by separating from her husband.

After finally leaving, and reporting him to the police, she said she would never choose to go through it again and would not have made the same decision had she known what was going to happen.

The mum in her 40s from the South Side explained: "I had years of mental, emotional and physical abuse.

"The first few years were OK but he was a control freak, and didn't want me to have friends.

"A big incident happened about five years ago when we had a big argument and a fight.

"He wanted sex, and I refused. So he started hitting me, slapping me, punching me.

"His knuckles started bleeding

because he had hit me so much.

"All of this was in front of my youngest child."

Over 15 minutes, Rose's husband continued to beat her before taking her tiny son out of the room, and she claimed he then came back and raped her.

She said: "He told me I had to make lunch for him, but my hands were so bruised I couldn't even cut anything. Then he started hitting me on the hands again."

Rose reported the incidents of abuse but they took two years to come to trial.

It eventually took place after being delayed and rescheduled six times.

Each time, she had to mentally prepare herself and her children for what they were about to do - take to the stand and testify against their father.

The impact has had lasting damage on her and her kids.

She said: "The criminal justice system stinks. It was horrendous what we went through. They changed the date six times.

"That was so stressful and frustrating. I had to take myself, my mum, and my boys. We were all witnesses.

"I lost so much sleep."



Picture posed by models

TOMORROW: A survivor's diary

She said one of her sons was particularly affected by the whole process and retreated "into a shell" over the trial period.

In the end, her ex-husband was convicted of two crimes - one of physically abusing her, and one of

physically abusing one of her sons.

"His lawyers struck a deal meaning the rape charge would be discounted, and he received an 18 month sentence.

Rose said: "I've tried to just forget about it and move on. When I think

about it I start crying.

"He got 18 months. It's a slap in the face. He'll be out in nine months. After everything he put me and my boys through, what is the point?"

"All the sleepless nights, con-

tacting the police, waiting for 18 months for this to go to trial, and for what? If I knew what would have happened, the delays, the waiting, the damage to my family, I don't think I would go through it all again. No."

Gemma: 'I would have trusted him with my life. He was like a brother...'

GEMMA, in her late 20s, was raped by a man she thought of as a brotherly figure and best friend.

She said: "I would have trusted him with my life; he was like a brother. He was my best friend. I never expected anything like that to happen."

One night Gemma was out with the man and two friends. She noticed his behaviour had started changing as she had been texting a guy she had recently met.

After a few drinks at a city centre nightclub, the group headed back to a friend's flat. Gemma said: "I fell asleep on the couch, he carried me through to the bedroom. I rolled over on to my back, and I was still aware of what was going on, but I was kind of half asleep.

"He climbed on top of me, started pulling my leggings down to my knees.

"I thought if he tried anything I would need to get him off. He started trying to force himself inside me.

"My legs were as straight and as tense as possible, I just kept thinking I needed to get him off me. I kicked him off, and just ran. I ran into the living room, tried to close the door."

After she was raped, Gemma struggled for years with mental health problems and still has OCD.

She was put off contacting the police at first after visit to a GP who was sceptical of her story, which she believes was because she had been drinking on the night of the rape.

She said: "The doctor said

some people get so drunk they don't know what happened to them, and I should be thankful that wasn't me. He said I shouldn't bother reporting what happened.

"The fact alcohol was involved did have an impact.

"The police did seem to be used to that side of it but when they were asking for my statement they want to know how many glasses you were drinking, did you drink before you went out, what you were drinking exactly. A lot of it was focused on alcohol."

Police told Gemma there was not enough evidence to take her attacker to court, and in some ways she says she was relieved.

Four years later she had started moving on with her life when things came to an unexpected halt.

She said: "I had just finished my counselling at the Glasgow rape crisis centre, I had come off my medication for my anxiety, I was nine months pregnant, and the police chapped my door.

"He had reoffended."

The thoughts around what had happened to Gemma instantly came flooding back, but she knew she had to help lock him up before he attacked again.

The evidence from both rapes were used together to convict the man, and he has now been sentenced to 10 years behind bars. He raped both women while they were sleeping, in very similar circumstances.

Gemma also said she would not go through the court process again as it has had such a traumatic experience on her life.

She said: "You forget you're not the one on trial when you go to court.

"You, the victim, can't see anything. He can see the medical documents, see all my statements, but I am not allowed to know anything.

"My OCD came back with a vengeance as soon as the police contacted me. My

anxiety has been really bad and my husband can't come near me.

"It also has an effect on my kids. If you're sitting playing with them and you have something as big as that in the back of your head, you can't enjoy it as much.

"I can't be a mother as much as I would like to."

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NOTICE

Scotstoun Street/South Street, Glasgow (temporary traffic regulation) order 2016

Glasgow City Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by Schedule 1 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:

This Order may be cited as "Glasgow City Council (South Street, Scotstoun Street, Glasgow) (Temporary Traffic Regulation) Order 2016" which will come into effect at 09:00 hours on Monday 10 October 2016 and remain in operation until 15:30 hours Friday 29 September 2017.

This Order makes it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven or park any motor vehicle on the following road(s):

ROAD CLOSURES

1. Scotstoun Street, between South Street and Fore Street.

NO WAITING AND NO LOADING

2. South Street, between numbers 813 and 960 South Street (Both sides of the carriageway).

3. Scotstoun Street, from South Street to Fore Street (Both sides of the carriageway).

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