

On November 2, 2019, David Silverman rubbed my sacrum while I was trying to bend over to get my shoes at a party. At the time, I was wearing a 2-foot-long knee brace, had damage to my femoral nerve from dislocating my knee on October 21, 2019, and had been hobbling in front of him. He rubbed over my damaged nerve and my sacrum at the same time, causing an electric shock of pain along with an unwanted sexual reaction. It took months of therapy to heal and I still have PTSD to this day from that incident, though I have developed better tools for coping with it.

I confronted him about it and he begged me not to say anything and threatened suicide. I used “fawn” (one of the 5 trauma responses) to back away from what I believe was an attempt at abusive emotional manipulation and later [posted the conversation](#) after I came forward on December 3, 2019.

I went to the police to report the incident, as I don’t believe any reasonable person would have rubbed the body of a person with a 2-foot-long knee brace who had just been hobbling in front of them.

I believe this behavior fell well within the laws of my state, as the laws begin at “simple assault” which is unwanted touch. Just prior to this incident, he had asked me if I needed help and I said “no.” The incident was already an unwanted touch right there.

He proceeded to rub my lower back over my nerve damage, and my sacrum. My leg was in a 2-foot-long brace and I was trying to bend over after hobbling in front of him. His actions caused an electric shock of pain coupled with an unwanted sexual reaction, while placing me at a significant fall risk and while already in horrific pain.

To me, it was creepy, dangerous, and reasonably unwanted touch at bare minimum. I understood the police would determine what actual crime was committed; I reported this incident to protect my community.

I’ve never regretted my decision. After coming forward, I heard from women who have, to this day, not shared their stories. I will protect their decision not to do so, despite my frustration in learning “creepy touching” was a pattern with others before it happened to me. Their stories are not mine to tell.

I was granted a temporary restraining order against David Silverman by Pierce County Washington, and he was served that order on December 11, 2019. This temporary order was not continued for a longer period due to a lack of a pattern, which made sense to me.

In November 2020, shortly after Tacoma started dropping cases due to Covid, I received [this letter](#) dropping the case while stating it would be inappropriate to use the letter to determine the allegations were unfounded.

Shortly after that, Silverman platformed a person (who goes by an alias) who was later deemed to be having paranoid delusions about me by a forensic evaluator for Pierce County Washington. I was made aware this smear campaign shows up in search results for my name, but I’ve never looked at it. I hope they both heal.

I worry about projected internal pain I believe would come from remaining in the stage of grief called denial for a prolonged period. I do not wish that for anyone.

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