

Hit, assault and run of American citizen Cliff Woolley
by Japanese convicted criminal TOMOAKI MIKAMI.

Feb 8, 2006, 21:00 hours, Meguro, Tokyo
on Meguro 1-Chome lane, 150 mtrs from my family home.

While walking in a clearly painted pedestrian lane
on the narrow (2.5 mtr) dangerously winding road called
Meguro 1-Chome to our family home I was hit from behind
by a car driven by Japanese male TOMOAKI MIKAMI.

Mikami then got out, punched my face until I fell to the
street and began savagely kicking me in the head.

Mikami kicked out my teeth, broke my nose, caused
permanent internal injuries, shattered my eyeglasses,
jumped into his car and drove away, leaving my
unconscious body in the road. I never touched him.

Japanese passersby witnessed the crime, called police &
ambulance. While I was in hospital MIKAMI returned
to scene of crime (to kill me?), was detained by police but
only a few hours and released.

Meguro police showed up at the hospital, discharged me
against my will and drove me to their station.

Having worked closely with police many years in anti-
piracy activities for Paramount & Universal and in a team

during war in Cambodia with Cambodia's liaison to INTERPOL, I have always had a great relationship with law enforcement officials. I had complete trust that the Meguro Police /authorities would proceed according to law and ensure justice be done. Was I ever wrong.

Meguro police did not give me the Victim's Right's Handbook (they are required by law to give to victims), refused to call my Japanese nurse wife, demanded I sign a statement which I could not see or read in my severely injured condition. I am blind without my progressive lens glasses which Mikami destroyed in his assault. When I stated I'd like a lawyer to read it first they became very upset and drove me home. Their actions include:

Claimed they lost all photos they took with 2 cameras.
My teeth which Mikami kicked out mysteriously disappeared from their evidence locker.
Refused to send a medical report to the prosecutor.
Submitted an incorrectly drawn image of crime scene omitting the clearly painted pedestrian lane.

Over the next few days police assured me Mikami was in jail. I later learned they lied. He had been detained only a few hours and set free.

One month after the assault a Summary Hearing was held. No one informed me.

Prosecutor KENJI KURIHARA, did not make one phone call to doctors to verify extent of injuries although he did have an official dental report stating my injuries would require 2 years of treatment.

Mikami pled guilty to assault (there were eyewitnesses, he had no choice), was fined 300,000 JPY and released, thereby thwarting any future attempt for me to file a criminal complaint. I received nothing

I lost years of work, income, and sustained permanent physical damages. I no longer have any faith in the Japanese legal system and know any Japanese can attack me or any other foreigner, anytime, and they will not be punished severely.

I am now in a lengthy/costly civil suit which I will win; however, if MIKAMI refuses to pay even one yen he will not be arrested or jailed.

Get this – the Court has given MIKAMI my photos and address but has not given me his. I had to pay private investigators lots of money to obtain his photos.

MIKAMI regularly comes within 100 mtrs of my home to play billiards at YAMATE BILLIARDS club on my street. I have seen him many times, but the court will not issue a restraining order. My family, my Japanese wife, our three children live in fear Mikami may try and hurt us. He's done it before and the authorities sheltered him.

I have met 10 Japanese lawyers & a few famous Japanese criminal journalists. All say the police control everything submitted to the prosecutor and cannot be held accountable, not even a court order can force J police to open their files for investigation. They are above the law.

I've been here since the 1970's, am fluent in Japanese, married to Japanese w / 3 Japanese kids, have no criminal record, am a successful businessman, taxpayer and volunteer social worker throughout Southeast Asia.

A number of reputable foreigner expat execs have contacted me telling similar tales of victimization by Japanese authorities. None have received a modicum of justice.

My advice to all foreigners here or planning to visit/work includes: Spend the time, before anything happens, to find a few lawyers you can trust. Once you become a victim, as happened to me, it is too late, you may not be physically, mentally, financially able to run all around town to meet and vet lawyers before finding the one for you.

While doing so, the deadlines for initiating legal actions may lapse.

Everyone can avail themselves of 30 minutes of free legal advice from a lawyer at any Ward Office, but it's a Catch 22 situation, none of the lawyers you will meet there are allowed to accept you as a paying client. Go figure.

I spent months meeting lawyers at the Bar Association,

paying 5,000 JPY for each 30 minutes and met some real bozos. I will expose all of them on my homepage

Police are required by law to provide victims a 37 page English & Japanese handbook entitled To the Victim's of Crimes, but not one of the police officials I met after I was assaulted ever mentioned it or gave it to me.

Collective amnesia or intentional desire to protect a Japanese thug?

I had to visit a different police station (Azabu) to obtain it and it took them 15 minutes to find one copy.

In fact, not one of the 10 or so lawyers I met had even seen this booklet which contains details of all steps victims must take to begin the road to justice, and additional procedures (providing counseling, assisting victim through the legal labyrinth, advising of deadlines, ensuring safety of victim from further harm, etc.) police are required to implement to assist victims.

Meguro Police and prosecutor Kenji Kurihara did not comply with even one of the helpful actions described in the booklet.

All concerned can download the handbook here:
To the Victims of Crimes www.cliffworks.net