



## Survivors Stories DVD

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#### Jack short clip

The methods that have been used to hunt and track myself and Zena down are really classics which the families will always, always use. There is always the employment of bounty hunters. Now it's important to point out, these do exist. They are not an urban myth. They are actually out there.

The families will use private detectives. They will also try things like putting pressure on people within the community who might work in government offices, i.e. Department of Works and Pensions etc to try and get information about where you are. Tracking you through your welfare claim basically. But there's also other tactics. They alleged that Zena took nine thousand pounds of money and had Zena arrested and that was a horrifying ordeal for her. And the reason why they do this is that if you commit a theft in let's say in Aberdeenshire or somewhere in Scotland and your captured in Bournemouth, you will have to brought back to that town. So it's the family's way of basically saying we're gonna have you back on our turf and it's that way they will use it.

Thankfully the police are now just starting to realise that this is a tactic that the families will use. They will also use many people within the community. If you can imagine a pyramid and you've got Zena's family at the very top and then you have their relatives, the extended family and then business associates below that, taxi drivers, restaurateurs, so it's almost like a pyramid. The only way I can really describe it. It's like a net that will be thrown out and they will just wait for you to walk into that net. I don't think there will ever be a time when the families will say, right, that's it. The way we look upon it and the way that I, when I speak at conferences, is to say to people, you've got to remember that this is a mind set.

When Zena's father first came to this country, he was a hard working, law abiding man who built a fantastic power base up. Unfortunately he also brought with him beliefs that when a person is born, they will marry X, Y or Z, and that's the way it's going to be, and unfortunately the family will always look upon me, myself and Zena getting together as a mark on their honour, and this is what it's about. It's about the disgrace that the family has had to suffer because the daughter ran away or the daughter simply said "No." And it's about freedom of choice, it's as simple as that.

There are young girls out there being murdered for simple discretions of this honour code as wearing lipstick, not adhering to the dress code, they can be in interfaith relationships, they might simply use the word "No" to what would be a forced marriage and they will pay for their lives.

