

*Detective Sergeant Peter Thomas' role in the case of Roseanne Catt*

- Interviewed witnesses in a deserted house instead of Taree police station.
- Found by Judge Davidson to have:
  - Given and procured false evidence,
  - Probably planted a gun on Rose,
  - Probably conspired with Rose's estranged husband and his friend to falsely convict Rose,
  - Improperly continued to take part in the investigation and in the preparation of the prosecution case contrary to the instructions of a superior and despite having been judicially criticised for lack of objectivity as an investigator,
  - Abused his powers by having Rose charged with breaches of bail conditions on no or inadequate evidence and for improper purposes,
  - Improperly used his seniority and influence to prevent the proper investigation and the charging of any person over the breaking and entering of Rose's son's house,
  - Abused his powers in making allegations to the ICAC without evidence,
  - Pressured eight crown witnesses to provide false evidence,
  - Illegally seized and disposed of Rose's property,
  - Been motivated by bias against Rose.
  - Had a propensity to improperly use his office to damage Rose irrespective of the damage to others.
  - In another case, offered an inducement to a witness to give false evidence,
  - Gave false evidence before a magistrate in that case, and
  - In a separate arson case, offered a monetary bribe to a potential witness to give false evidence.
- Had his testimony referred by Judge Davidson to the DPP for perjury charges.
- Was the subject of a police Internal Affairs report that said it was disturbing 'that Thomas conducted the investigation at all'.
- Found by Judge Peter McClellan of the Appeal Court to have made entirely baseless allegations against Rose.
- Found by Judge Harvey Cooper in the District Court to be willing to use 'fair means or foul' to obtain a conviction.
- Demoted after a complaint by Rose to police Internal Affairs.
- Investigated sexual assault claims against Catt from his children, who had previously accused him of being one of their abusers, and wrote a memo to Newcastle police: 'I direct that no action be taken.'
- Arrested Rose two days later.
- Accused her – among other things – of asking a stranger at her local RSL club to murder her husband.
- Was charged only with misconduct and escaped those by resigning from the police to become a private investigator in Qld.
- Bragged to his new colleagues that he had set up Rose.
- Is the subject of a stalled investigation – his third – that is in the hands of the Police Minister.