

Jian Ghomeshi case shines spotlight on ‘post-incident contact’

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Many Canadians were introduced to the concept of “post-incident contact” during the recent high-profile trial of Jian Ghomeshi, the former CBC star. In acquitting Ghomeshi of four counts of sexual assault and one of choking, Judge William Horkins explored the later actions of the three women who accused Ghomeshi and found them discordant with what he expected of an assault victim — a controversial comment that inflamed debate over an already difficult subject.

“Each complainant in this case engaged in conduct regarding Mr. Ghomeshi, after the fact, which seems out of harmony with the assaultive behaviour ascribed to him,” Horkins said in his ruling. He was also bothered that the women did not disclose these flirtatious after-the-incident behaviours when they first gave statements to the police and the Crown.



Lucy DeCoutere said during Jian Ghomeshi's trial that she did not remember the emails or letter and that her feelings about Ghomeshi over the years were complicated and conflicted.

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The rooftop of Jian Ghomeshi's former home in Cabbagetown. Here, a woman alleges she was assaulted by Ghomeshi in summer 2013, after he had invited her out for a drink.

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