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ISSUE.

Request by Detective Sergeant Peter FOX to travel to Lithgow Correctional Centre for the interviewing of inmate Vincent RYAN.

COMMENT.

At the request of an officer from the Newcastle DPP I am currently investigating a number of very serious allegations in relation to paedophilia offences committed by members of the Catholic Church. I have recently taken a statement from a victim who has linked a number of offences perpetrated upon himself by a specific priest with another priest serving a lengthy sentence for similar offences.

Father Vincent Gerard RYAN is currently serving a lengthy gaol sentence for sexually assaulting more than 30 young boys in the Cessnock area over a number of years. I have confirmed that he is serving his sentence within a special protection unit within the Lithgow Correctional Centre & unlikely to be transferred to any other centre within the foreseeable future.

RECOMMENDATION.

I am therefore seeking permission to travel to Lithgow to interview Vincent RYAN. I would anticipate that travelling by vehicle I would stay overnight in that town & hopefully interview RAYN on the afternoon of my arrival, returning the following morning. I believe that this would incur a minimum of cost & be completed as efficiently as possible.

Forwarded for consideration & approval.


Peter R. FOX
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