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**To:** Joanne McCarthy <jmccarthy@theherald.com.au>

**Date:** Monday, May 10, 2010 01:23PM  
**Subject:** RE: FW: from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald.

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Regards  
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**From:** Joanne McCarthy <jmccarthy@theherald.com.au>  
**Date:** 05/10/2010 07:59AM  
**Subject:** RE: FW: from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald.

Update on Lucas. A Catholic Weekly article in 2002 when Lucas became a columnist carried a biography. He was admitted to the bar as a barrister in 1980, the same year he became a priest.

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**From:** Shaun Mcleod [mailto:mcle1sha@police.nsw.gov.au]  
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**Date:** 05/08/2010 04:18PM  
**Subject:** FW: from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald.

**From:** Joanne McCarthy  
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Subject: from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald.

Just a follow-up after a number of phone calls from people following articles run in the Herald.

I've spoken with several McAlinden victims, one being AL, and a second woman who is prepared to make a statement to police if she is contacted.

Both women have information about the apparent significant involvement of Father Brian Lucas in the McAlinden matter in the months preceding October 1995.

The second woman also has information about the apparent significant involvement of Allan Hart, Vicar General from 1990 although I'm not sure when he finished his term,

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Brian Lucas was a solicitor before becoming a priest. In 1995 he was the then media mouthpiece for the Sydney Archdiocese and is the current general secretary of the Australian Bishops Conference.

In the months before October 1995 at a meeting at Bishop's House, Maitland, Mrs AL told Brian Lucas that McAlinden had sexually abused ALBAK, and AVZ AN. Mrs AL was taken to the meeting by a Mercy nun, Sr Paula Redgrave (possibly Redgrave) who was a good friend of McAlinden for many years. Sr Paula is alive and living in the Nelson Bay area. She is a strong supporter of NP and until recently has been a strong supporter of Mrs AL.

The second woman said Lucas contacted her by phone at about the same time about McAlinden, and she confirmed he had sexually abused her. She said Lucas also contacted another McAlinden victim by phone. The woman was a TAFE student at Tamworth at the time. She said this victim "received the full treatment" from McAlinden which meant full intercourse.

The second woman also said she had many conversations with Allan Hart about McAlinden in the months before October 1995 and Hart was the "point man" who liaised with Lucas and others. Hart told her about one plan for the church to buy McAlinden a one way ticket to England to live with his sister. Paula Redgrave knows about this as well. The second woman said Hart was involved with negotiations to bring McAlinden back to NSW from Western Australia in the months before October 1995 so he could speak with Lucas in Sydney, presumably where he made the "admission" referred to in Leo Clarke's letter of October 19. Redacted at Commissioner's Direction. Hart was agghast when the woman said McAlinden would run and 60 Minutes would be interested in the story. McAlinden came to NSW by car or campervan.

A man I spoke to said there was a taped meeting in Bishop Malone's office about McAlinden where one of his victims, and he thinks it was the second woman, talked about McAlinden's offending. The tape recorder kept malfunctioning, he said. Other Maitland Newcastle clergy were present, he said.

Regards, Joanne McCarthy.

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