

From: Brad Tayler/21627/Staff/NSWPolice
To: Max Mitchell/19788/Staff/NSWPolice

Date: Friday, September 10, 2010 08:22AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Catholic Church Media

If my guys are running an investigation, why is region and others doing media releases.

Why would we EVER state we are conducting an investigation. That is the most stupid response those involved a heads up. Our response from the start has been that NSW Police does not conduct an investigation - why would this change.

If this goes out, I will be recording this on Eagle I and will have some major reservations about this.

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Anthony
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 Subject: Catholic Church Media

Ma'am - Wayne

In consultation with the Media Unit the holding statement in relation to the Catholic Church Investigation allocated to Newcastle City LAC has been constructed. The Story either tomorrow or Saturday in the Newcastle Herald.

Please advise if this suitable.

Regards Tony

Detectives from Newcastle City Police are investigating a complaint re mishandling of allegations of sexual abuse within the Catholic church

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inappropriate to make any further comment at this stage.



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09/09/2010 18:51

cc
SubjectRe:

Blake

I have amended it to below. It more accurately reflects the situation. Unless this causes issues I will put it across for the consideration of the Region Commander and Newcastle City Commander.

Detectives from Newcastle City Police are investigating a complaint relating to the mishandling of allegations of sexual abuse within the Catholic church in the 1990s. It is inappropriate to make any further comment at this stage.

Regards



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ToAnthony
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09/09/2010 18:37

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SubjectRe:

Boss,

It seems to me the only real change from May is that we are now investigating. The allegations appear to be the same as they were in May. I have amended the below statement to reflect this. Please give me a buzz to discuss if you think I am still on the wrong track. My number is 45101 or 8263 6101. I am here until 9pm.

cheers
Blake

Detectives from Newcastle City Police have launched an investigation relating to the alleged mishandling of sexual abuse within the Catholic church in the 1990s. It is inappropriate to make any further comment at this stage.

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09/09/2010 18:16

SubjectRe:

Dave

The material has already been assessed and the Region Commander has requested that Newcastle City LAC investigate the claims. This decision will be the focus of the media coverage. The May release does not address the current situation. The issue is allegations that the now Senior Members of the Catholic Church has failed disclose information to the police in relation to sexual abuse by priests who are now deceased. The media holding statement needs more substance than this.

Regards



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09/09/2010 17:41

Rose/23178/Staff/NSW
Subject

Boss,

Proposed holding statement below. This was actually written about the issued back in May. I think that we don't really need to add anything else.

Let me know what you think.

Cheers
Blake

"Detectives from Newcastle City Police are currently assessing information relating to the alleged mishandling of sexual abuse within the Catholic church in the 1990s. Police are unable to comment further but would ask for anyone with information to come forward."

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