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Joanne

Nothing major but just keeping you informed.

I've decided I am going to bypass Max MITCHELL and attempt to speak to Carlene YORK regarding my last report.

The more I thought about it I'd like to get my view across. I suspect Max has painted the picture for her thus

The points I want to make are:

- 1. I was one of two original investigators into the McAlinden allegations in 1999. This investigation centres on that priest.
- 2. With Det WATTERS I took out the warrant for his arrest in 1999 and spoke to the church to notify me upon his return.
- 3. I kept in contact with the victim's family for many years and still maintain a rapport with the family.
- 4. I interviewed Leo CLARK before he died. He told me the church had no knowledge of other victims of McALINDEN.
- 5. Recent documents show that CLARK field and was involved with other clergy in a conspiracy to conceal. Those others are subject of this investigation.
- CLARK in now dead and no one else can provide that evidence.

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- 7. I have interviewed MALONE and other clergy mentioned in this investigation & have a very good knowledge of their roles, personalities & relationships.
 - 8. I made records & submitted reports in 2004 calling for investigations into a paedophile ring within the Hunter Catholic Church and concealment of these priests by higher authorities.
- 9. I have made numerous contacts and informants over many years in the local church and catholic community who are prepared to assist in this investigation.
 - 10. AS _ is a critical witness who has substantial evidence. She indicated through a reporter that she had never met me but I was the only officer she was prepared to speak to. I have built up an affinity with this witness who has spent 28 hours with me preparing her statement.
 - 11. I have built relationships over many years with witnesses like Peter GOGERTY & Helen KEEVERS who may be able to provide further evidence.
- 12. I have extensive experience in interviewing sexual assault victims, their families and conducting investigations.
- 13. The quality of my briefs concerning clergy paedophilia has been commended by the DPP as being of the highest standard.
- 14. I prepared tendency and co-incidence evidence in a paedophile priest trial of such high standard it established binding legal precedence in this area.
- 15. The DPP has referred a number of experienced investigators to me to assist them in preparing tendency & coincidence evidence in similar prosecutions.

(Hamish FITZHARDING DPP indicated I was a leader in this field of investigation and continues to refer police to my example.)

16. A very senior Crown Prosecutor with the DPP contacted me personally to take charge of the FLETCHER investigation as he knew the family & urged them to place their trust in me.

That should do for starters.

I have telephoned Tony TOWNSEND yesterday to arrange an appointment and asked he return my call. Today the admin assist put a note in front of him whilst he was on the phone. He still hasn't called. I am now off until Monday but will let you know how I go.

On another front I sent the attached complaint to the Ombudsman this week.

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