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Date: 24/12/2010 14:03  
Subject: Fw: ATTENTION: Roger Brock / Joanne McCarthy

Team

Email sent today below.

You will see my letter is particularly relating to my concern for our officers.

I do hate to see anyone suffer unnecessarily. We could expect continued scrutiny by the Herald. I am not reacting to these articles and request you maintain your focus on operations and HR and not be diverted by such sensational journalism.

You are doing a great job and regretfully it is Newcastles turn to suffer some HR issues which will always ebb and flow!

You may determine some welfare checks may be required for our named officers to reinforce our concern and our public statement supporting them and requesting they be afforded the privacy they deserve. Please pass on my concern.

(Ok off my soapbox now)

Have a great day tomorrow

Regards

Carlene

Assistant Commissioner  
Northern Region  
NSW Police Force

----- Original Message -----

From: Norris Smith

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Sent: 24/12/2010 13:42 ZE10

To: Timothy Archer; Carlene York

Subject: Fw: ATTENTION: Roger Brock / Joanne McCarthy

Carlene / Tim

For your info... see attached email sent to Newcastle Herald editor Roger Brock and journalist Joanne McCarthy.

The newspaper refused to provide direct email addresses and suggested it be sent to their generic address with the ATTENTION in the subject area.

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

Norris Smith  
Supervisor  
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----- Forwarded by Norris Smith/2000590/Staff/NSWPolice on 24/12/2010 13:40 -----

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To news@theherald.com.au  
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Subject ATTENTION: Roger Brock / Joanne  
McCarthy

24/12/2010 13:40

Attention: Roger Brock

Joanne McCarthy

See below for response from Northern Region Commander, Asst Commissioner Carlene York re "Strikefarce" article in today's edition of your newspaper.

Regards

Norris Smith  
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Dear Editor

~~I write in relation to recent stories about Newcastle police which named specific officers who are on sick leave.~~

Whether you are a police officer, a public servant or a general member of the public, I believe every person deserves the right to privacy about their health.

It is hard to see the public interest in naming these individual officers. On the contrary, it simply serves to cause stress and anguish to officers who we are very keen to help get back to work.

Local Area Commanders work closely with individual officers, their treating doctor and our injury management experts to implement return-to-work plans for these officers. Our primary interest is to ensure their good health and welfare, so seeing their names in print is disappointing.

I would request that you respect these officers' right to privacy in the future.

Thank you.

Assistant Commissioner Carlene York  
Commander, Northern Region