



## Complaint investigation chronology

### P1100773

Date	Action	Summary	Observation/findings/further action	Product number (C@ts./Eag(6))
16 March 2011	Receipt Complaint and review issues	Issue of Disobey Lawful direction. Involved officer currently on sick report for psyical injury. Witness / involved officer off long term sick with psychological injury.		
	Complete CARA document	Nil conflict issues.		
22 March 2011.	Complaint Investigation Plan	Identify actual direction given Identify officer knowledge of direction and meaning Identify any other issues from phone download Clarify Issue with Superintendent Mitchell Seek advise re interviewing of involved officer and witness. Interview involved officer.		
21 March 2011	Deliver phone to Region Facial ID unit Senior Constable Lisa Chesworth.	Crime manager Phone delivered to Region Facial ID unit, SC Lisa Chesworth. Confidentiality document	Receipt of Download Information and Data Disc. Printed version obtained with all information. NO additional	

		signed by CHesworth (Annexure 4) Downloads completed PM 21 March 2011	issues from phone download. Original identified text messages being the basis of the complaint area only area of interest. (Annexure 5 & 6)	
12 April 2011	Speak with Superintendent Mitchell	Information obtained verbally in relation to issues of Strike Force LANTLE and directions given to officers involved and to Detective Chief Inspector FOX.	To obtain written document regarding directions issued.	
13 April 2011		Documents received from Superintendent Mitchell include investigators note from Strike Force LANTLE (Annexure 7)  Summary document with the four directions issued to officers pertaining to Strike Force LANTLE. (Annexure 8)	Summary of meeting held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2010 with a number of officers regarding the investigation of Strike Force LANTLE.  Summary of directions identifies that all officers were directed "NOT TO SPEAK WITH MEDIA ABOUT THIS INVESTIGATION WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDTE OF SUPERINTENDENT MITCHELL".  This direction does not support the basis of the complaint that Detective Chief Inspector Fox is not to "speak with anybody about the investigation."	
29 April 2011	Welfare enquiries in relation to Detective Senior Constable Shaun McLeod	Enquiries with LAM, Lake Macquarie Enquiries with NTD Dr Morrisey Enquiries with Treating Psychiatrist Dr Fowler. (Annexure 10)	Recommendations from all parties that McLeod is not well and the Doctors would not support McLeod being interviewed in relation to the investigation.  MCLOED NOT TO BE INTERVIEWED.	
12 May 2011	Speak with Detective Chief Inspector Fox	Detective Chief Inspector Fox advised of complaint and investigation. Served support package. FOX requested	Directive memorandum requested by FOX.	

		Directive Memorandum be served upon him. Fox further stated he did not require a Direction from a senior officer and that he would comply.		
17 May 2011	Serve Directive memorandum on Detective Chief Inspector Fox	Directive memorandum served upon Chief Inspector Fox. (Annexure 11)  2 Page reply to Directive memorandum received from Detective Chief Inspector FOX. (Annexure 12)  Fox also supplied 2 reports to support his reply. (Annexure 13)	Detective Chief Inspector Fox states he was issued with a direction not to speak to Joanne McCarthy from the Newcastle Herald in relation to the matter. Further that he took the direction to include not to talk to any media about the matter. Detective Chief Inspector FOX stated he has complied with this direction and when contacted by McCarthy informed her he could not speak with her and that he now had no part in the investigation.	
18 May 2011	Additional documentation received from Region PSM Re Strick Force LANTLE	Investigators Note received from Detective Inspector Graeme Parker and report from Chief Inspector Humphrey in relation to Strike Force LANTLE raising additional issues for clarification.	Review of documents. FOX advised of additional receipt of information to be further clarified in relation to information being released to the media and who should be in charge of the investigation of Strike Force LANTLE..	
19 May 2011	Interview Detective Chief Inspector Fox, re Questions arising from his reply to the directive memorandum and additional matters.	Clarification of issues from Directive memorandum (Annexure 15)	Detective Inspector Fox confirmed he believed the direction given was for him "not to speak with Joanne McCarthy" He denied the direction was to "not speak with any person about the matter" There was no direction about speaking with other officers. Fox also confirmed he has spoken to McCarthy after the direction when she contacted him but only informed her	

			<p>Clarification of Issues from additional documents received. (Annexure 15)</p>	<p>he could not speak with her about the matter any further.                  Fox confirmed he believed he had complied with the stated direction.</p> <p>Clarification of information in relation to his relationship with Joanne McCarthy and his personal involvement in the investigation.</p> <p><b>FINDING: NOT SUSTAINED.</b>                  Direction issued was for officers not to speak with the media about the investigation. The Text messages are in relation to conversation with Detective Senior Constable McLeod, who with Fox has prior history with similar investigations. Detective Chief Inspector Fox indicates he has complied with the direction given.</p>	

**Note: Headings can be varied to suit the individual requirements of the Investigator.**



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29/06/2011 11:08

To Peter Fox/18127/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice  
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Subject Complaint matter

Peter

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This is just to let you know that the complaint matter that Craig Reid spoke to you about, regarding allegedly disobeying a reasonable direction regarding discussion of inquiries with Strike Force Lantle with the media, has been finalised on C@tsi.

The issue is shown as disobey reasonable direction, the outcome is shown as not sustained and the action as no action.

If you have any queries, please give me a call.

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