From: Wayne Humphrey/19634/Staff/NSWPolice

To: Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice

Date: 14/04/2011 16:52

Subject: Re: Fw: amended email from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald, with contact and deadline details

Inspector Dunn.

Fay, this is clearly another issue that has come about from 'leaking' my DCI Fox. Numerous references within the email confirms this.

The ex police officer referred to is Troy Grant who recently won the National Party seat at Dubbo.

Joanne McCarthy spoke with DI Parker today. I will get a full written briefing from him tomorrow as she has made a number of disclosures which support the assertion that DCI Fox, in direct contravention of a direction, still persists in leaking information on this investigation to her. She also disclosed Troy Grant's involvement. I won't speculate on the entireity of the disclosures until I get fully briefed by Graeme. He is not able to get to a computer at the moment.

In any case,

SF Lantle has not been dormant. It is correct that DCI TAYLER and DSgt STEEL are off sick (that occurred some time ago). Det Sgt Little was assigned this investigation some time ago and still remains the senior investigator with DSC Freeny from the original team. The only 'change' has been from a management level where it has gone from me to DI Parker. DSGT Little & DSC Freeny's names have NOT been given to M/s McCarthy as we are trying to protect them from the contant inappropriate inquiries she makes.

DSGT Little has completed a full investigation plan after analysing the holdings. The victim has been spoken to and advised on the conduct of the investigation, (bearing in mind that at the outset she refused to deal with anyone but DCI Fox which I think clearly indicates his interference). DSGT Little is on leave. When he returns from leave it is DI Parker's intention to take him off line to bring the investigation to a conclusion. I cannot say how long that will take as it involves quite involved inquiries, some of which need to occur interstate.

regards

Wayne.

----Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice wrote: ----

To: Wayne Humphrey/19634/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice

From: Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice

Date: 04/14/2011 04:18PM

Subject: Fw: amended email from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald, with contact and deadline details

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CC

Subject

Fw: amended email from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald, with contact and deadline details

Fay

See below as per conversation with Lauren in Carlene's office.

Regards

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Subject

Fw: amended email from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald, with contact and deadline details

Carlene

Please see below for email from Joanne McCarthy at the Newcastle Herald.

Any thoughts ???

Her deadline is 6pm today.

Regards

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---- Forwarded by Norris Smith/2000590/Staff/NSWPolice on 14/04/2011 15:43 ----

Joanne McCarthy

14/04/2011 15:06

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Subject

amended email from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald, with contact and deadline details

My name is Joanne McCarthy, I am a journalist with the Newcastle Herald, and I am preparing an article about a Northern Region Command investigation of an alleged cover-up of a Hunter Region paedophile priest named Denis McAlinden, now deceased.

The article will include criticism of the police investigation from a number of people and organisations, given that police have had the matter for a year, formed a strikeforce which ended when its three members went on stress or sick leave within the same week, and basically started from scratch again last week under a new investigator.

It will include that senior Northern Region Command police have conceded the matter has been poorly handled, and comment from a former detective associated with Hunter Region paedophile priests, who is now a NSW Government MP, expressing his concern.

The article will also include comment from the new lead investigator assuring that the matter will now be fully investigated.

I am seeking comment from Northern Region Commander Carlene York.

Is she satisfied with the progress of this matter?

Can the community have confidence that Strikeforce Lantle is a serious police investigation given events that have occurred over the past year in relation to it, including its progression through a number of hands, and some suggestion of links with an AVO matter involving a serving police officer?

Is Commander York concerned that one of the priest's victims has commented that "police are as bad as the church in not addressing this".

As far as I'm aware this is listed to run tomorrow. Deadline for comment would be 6pm.

I can be contacted on 0419977330.

Thank you. Joanne McCarthy.

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