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## SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)

Date: 12/10/2010	Time: 14:00	Region: Northern
INITIATING COMMAND: Newcastle City	SITREP NUMBER: 10/288	
OFFICER IN CHARGE: A/Det. Inspector Quinn	EVENT NUMBER: E S/F LANTLE	
CONTACT NUMBER: 49266500 E/N 60500	MEDIA STATUS: Not for Press	

## ISSUE:

Allegations of Conceal Serious Offence by senior Clergy members, Michael MALONE and others regarding the sexual assault of **REDACTED**, Bishop and Peter GOGARTY around 1995. **AL & AK**

## BACKGROUND:

In 1995 members of the Maitland Diocese of the Catholic Church became aware of serious allegations of sexual abuse by one of its priests, Father Dennis McALINDEN. Action was taken at that time by the Clergy members to remove McALINDEN as a priest.

Redacted at Commissioner's direction

A file concerning the matter was compiled by Newcastle Herald reporter, Ms Joanne MCCARTHY and forwarded to police.

## CURRENT POSITION:

The file has been comprehensively reviewed by Northern Region Operations Manager, Inspector TOWNSEND. It was received at Newcastle City LAC on 6 September 2010 where it was reviewed by the Crime Manager, Det. Chief Inspector TAYLER. Due to the current high workload of senior investigators within the Newcastle City LAC, a decision was made to allocate the file to Det. Sgt. STEEL who commenced duties in the Newcastle Detectives office on 19 September 2010. Unfortunately Det. Sgt. STEEL was required to take some pre-allocated leave upon her transfer to the office. She has returned from leave today and has been allocated as the officer in charge of the investigation.

## WELFARE ISSUES:

Nil

## FURTHER/PROPOSED ACTION:

S/F LANTLE has been commenced. It is proposed that a meeting will be held between the Acting Crime Manager and STEEL on Wednesday 13 October 2010 to determine investigative strategies. Other relevant documentation is being collected from other Commands in respect of this matter.

Completing Officer's Signature:	Vetting Officer's Signature:
Rank & Name: A/Insp. Justin Quinn	Rank & Name: A/Supt. W.HUMPHREY
Date & Time Created: 12/10/2010 14:00	Date & Time Vetted: 12/10/2010 15:00

1. Local Area Commander, Newcastle
2. Region Commander, Northern Region

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