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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 far.

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 lied and was involved with other clergy in a conspiracy to conceal. Those others are subject of this investigation.
6. CLARK is 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.

 **Ombo Letter 2.doc**
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