

ISSUE:

APPLICATION FOR VICTIMS COMPENSATION 200.
DENIS MCALINDEN AND

AF

REGARDING

BACKGROUND:

AF made a complaint to police regarding sexual abuse by both Denis McAlinden and UR3 when she was a child. Inquiries were made regarding the whereabouts of UR3 and it was confirmed that he is now deceased as of 30 June, 2000.

Denis McAlinden is a retired Catholic priest. McAlinden is an Irish citizen and lives between Australia and Ireland. Information from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs is that McAlinden returned to Australia on the 13 July, 2002. Inquiries as to his whereabouts were made with his UR18 but she has not heard from him since May, 2002 when he was in Ireland. UR18 informed police that when her brother is in Australia he rents properties in Western Australia. The last known address was PO Box 7039, Safety Bay WA 6169 but she could not provide anything current. There was no current information available for McAlinden from Western Australian police records.

COMMENT:

Olwyn Mayer at the Victims Compensation Tribunal was informed on 22 October, 2002 of the current status of this investigation. As indicated McAlinden cannot be located. Inquiries have been made with the Catholic Church but they were unable to provide any current information as he is retired.

In regards to charges unfortunately there is very little corroborative evidence to support the victim's allegations due to the historical nature of the incidents. Statements are being obtained and inquiries are continuing as to McAlinden's whereabouts.

RECOMMENDATION:

To be forwarded to the Victims Compensation Tribunal for their information.

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3. Director, Victims Compensation Tribunal.

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