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From: John F. Davoren
Sent: Tuesday, 4 March 2003 4:03 PM
To: Michael A. Hill

Cc: Angela N. Kyriazopolous
Subject: FW: RE Denis McAlinden



John Davoren

~~Original Message~~

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Sent: Tuesday, 4 March 2003 4:02 PM
To: Bishop Michael Malone (michael.malone@mn.catholic.org.au)
Subject: RE Denis McAlinden

Dear Bishop,

I have today notified the NSW Police of the complaints received against this man.

In return the police advised me that they have three complaints against him - the first for sexual assault in 1953, and two more recent complaints [details not provided] in 1999 and 2000. Charges were not laid as the witnesses were not prepared to pursue the matter to court.

Police have his date of birth recorded as 24 January 1923.

John Davoren

Director Professional Standards

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CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE INFORMATION
DISSEMINATION TO
NSW POLICE SERVICE CHILD PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Name: Names not provided
Address:
Phone Home: Work:
Other Information:
Is the informant willing to speak to police if necessary?

SUSPECT DETAILS (Additional pages for multiple suspects)

Name: Denis McAlinden D.O.B: 24 January 1923
Address: Not known but thought to be either in Ireland or in WA
Phone Home: Work:
Occupation (if known):
Does this person currently have access to children? Not known

VICTIM DETAILS (Additional pages for multiple victims)

Name: Ds.O.B Redacted at Commissioner's direction
Address:
Phone Home: Work:
Contact Information:
Is the victim willing to speak to police?
Neither complainant is prepared to speak to the police.

OFFENCE DETAILS

Date/Year Range:
Location of offence:
Brief Narrative: Two complaints received from two women relating to McAlinden, while he was holding office as a priest of the Catholic Church...
One complaint was received in 1999 and one in 2001. Neither complainant was prepared to talk to the police. The Church appointed two independent investigators – one for each complaint. After considerable delays both matters were found to have been substantiated on the balance of probabilities.
Both complaints involved allegations of sexual assault of prepubescent girls – one complainant was aged ten and the other aged six at the time of the alleged offence. Both complainants are now adults.

NOTIFYING OFFICER

Name: John Davoren for the Bishop of Maitland Newcastle - Davoren's Contact Number: 02 9287 1542
Date: 4 March 2003

RECEIVING OFFICER

Name: Date: