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Sent: Tuesday, 18 March 2003 4:48 PM
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Subject: Re: **AH** matter

Dear Michael,

You asked me what I know about the **AH** matter. My notes have five entries under that name:

1. 11 November 2002 **BJ** rang about her adult son **AH** who she said was concerned about James Patrick Fletcher and was planning to go to the police about him. She did know any details. **AH** had simply told her that the priest had done something wrong - what and when was not clear. From the conversation I concluded that **AH** had a number of problems and his mother did not rate his credibility highly. **REDACTED**

Later that day I spoke to CPEA who in turn spoke to the investigating officer, Sgt Peter Fox [4934 0310] in Maitland, who I then rang. He said that **AH** will probably come in eventually to make a statement but had not done so at that point. He commented that **AH** was not coming to the party and there is not much the police could do until he makes some kind of statement.

3. 24 Feb 2003 **BJ** rang again. She referred to our previous conversation, and said that **AH** was now talking to the police. She has now read **AH's** statement, and on the basis of it she believes that the priest concerned used her and her family to get at **AH**. She did not this time mention her doubts about **AH's** credibility. Since she was concerned about how the complaint process was going she wondered if she should make a complaint to this office and I sent her one of our complaint forms. I note that she has not returned this yet.

4. Later that day I spoke to Sgt Fox who was concerned about the situation but indicated that he still lacked enough details to lay a charge.

5. Later again I spoke to an official of the diocese of Maitland Newcastle with the idea of recommending that the priest be stood down until the investigation was complete. He replied that **AH** has demonstrated significantly unusual behaviour over years and is of doubtful credibility, while on the other hand no concrete complaint has yet been received against the priest that would constitute reasonable grounds for standing him down.

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