

**Angela Kyriazopoulos**

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**From:** Rosanna Harris  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 August 2005 9:07 AM  
**To:** 'WATTERS, MARK'  
**Subject:** RE: McALINDEN

Mark  
Thanks, it would be useful for our records to know how the investigation proceeds.  
If the PSO can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.  
Rosanna

-----Original Message-----  
From: WATTERS, MARK [<mailto:WATT1MAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU>]  
Sent: Tuesday, 2 August 2005 7:18 PM  
To: Rosanna Harris  
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

--- Received from NSWP.WATT1MAR 71145                      02/08/05 19:18                      -----

Rosanna,  
  
thanks for your help, I'll let you know if you like how the investigation procedds,  
  
Mark

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From: Rosanna Harris  
 Sent: Tuesday, 2 August 2005 9:45 AM  
 To: 'WATTERS, MARK'  
 Subject: RE: McALINDEN  
 Attachments: 1990824 CPEA.doc

Mark

We do contact complainants to let them know police are investigating other matters, whether they've been through Towards Healing or not.

In the case of McAlinden's the information we hold is minimal, as they did not pursue a formal complaint through Towards Healing. Basically, the allegations were made in 1999 by [AL = AK] who indicated that they were not then willing to speak to the police about it. We have no information which would identify the informants, eg, is there only one. ?

A copy of the information provided by the then PSO Director to the then CPEA on 24 August 1999 is attached.

For your general information, the Towards Healing protocols may be accessed at <http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/bc/profstan/index.asp>

Regards

Rosanna Harris

-----Original Message-----

From: WATTERS, MARK [mailto:WATT1MAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU]  
 Sent: Monday, 1 August 2005 5:33 PM  
 To: Rosanna Harris  
 Subject: RE: McALINDEN

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01/08/05 17:33

Rosanna,

I've been in touch with AC and spoken with her and I'm letting her have a couple of days to digest that Denis McAlinden has been located and to work out what she wants to do, but thought she may supply a statement.

I'm not sure of the protocol from your end, but do you ever contact people who did not want to go ahead with the Towards Healing process to let them know police are investigating other matters?

I guess I was looking at AL = AK

any thoughts?

Mark

From: rosanna.harris@cathprofstandards.com  
To: WATT1MAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU  
Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2005 17:00:40 +1000  
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

Mark

Under Towards Healing, complainants are routinely advised of their right to take their complaint to the police and they only enter the process if it is clear that this is not their present intention. They are free, of course, to change their mind at any point in the process, in which case Towards Healing would be suspended pending the outcome of a police investigation.

In the *AC* case, she indicated that she had not reported the matter to the police and did not intend to do so. However, she also specifically stated that her experience could be used in corroboration should other complaints of criminal behaviour be made against McAlinden.

Regards

Rosanna Harris

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Sent: Monday, 1 August 2005 3:18 PM  
To: Rosanna Harris  
Subject: RE: McALINDEN

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15:18 -----

01/08/05

Rosanna,

I'm investigating the complaint from *AE* I'm not aware of the protocols with Towards Healing, but with the complaint from *AC* did she ever report the matter to police or require any police investigation?

Thanks,

Mark

From: rosanna.harris@cathprofstandards.com  
To: WATT1MAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU  
Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2005 15:16:43 +1000

Subject: RE: McALINDEN

Dear Mark

I can confirm that the PSO holds three files relating to Denis McAlinden: one relates to allegations made by AL & AK which did not proceed to a formal complaint under Towards Healing; the other two were formal Towards Healing complaints made by AE and AC

I trust this information is helpful.  
Michael Salmon

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From: WATTERS, MARK [mailto:WATT1MAR@POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU]?  
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2005 1:31 PM  
To: PSO  
Subject: Re: McALINDEN

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13:31

Michael,

I'm Sgt Mark WATTERS and have a warrant out for the arrest of Denis McALINDEN, who was previously a catholic priest.

This matter dates back to 1953, when a lady came and saw me in 1999 to make a complaint against Denis.

On our police intelligence system, it says there were some other complainants that the Catholic Church were aware of and had files if required.

What I was looking at doing was to speak to any victims and let them know I was going to travel to Western Australia and interview Denis.

Do you have any records relating to complaints about Denis McAlinden?

Any assistance would be appreciated,

thanks,

Mark Watters  
Ph: (02) 49340200

From: brow1pat@police.nsw.gov.au  
To: watt1mar@police.nsw.gov.au  
Date: Mon, 1 Aug 2005 13:23:37 +1000  
Subject: Re: McALINDEN

Mark,

by the look of I 7885027 I don't think there would be much point in chasing up the original correspondence.

However, it may be worthwhile contacting Michael SALMON at the Catholic Church Professional Standards Unit on:

pso@cathprofstandards.com or 02 9287 1542

He frequently sends us info on ex priests that have a shady history.

If there are any problems give us a call.

Cheers,

Pat BROWN  
CP&SCS  
E/Net: 28679

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-> pso@cathprofstandards.com

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

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
Phone Home: ..... Work: .....  
Other Information: [ALBAK], who do not wish to be involved in any civil action in this regard. ....

Is the informant willing to speak to police if necessary? Not at this stage .....

SUSPECT DETAILS (Additional pages for multiple suspects)

Name: Rev Denis McAlinden ..... D.O.B./Age: .....  
Address: unknown - currently in England but expected to return to Australia shortly and reside "somewhere in the Bunbury Region of WA". His extended family is unable to give an address at this stage. ....  
Phone Home: ..... Work: .....  
Occupation (if known): non functioning priest since 1993 .....  
Does this person currently have access to children? Not as far as is known. ....

VICTIM DETAILS (Additional pages for multiple victims)

Name: [ALBAK] we have not been identified... D.O.B./Age: under age apparently .....  
Address: .....  
Phone Home: ..... Work: .....  
Contact Information: .....

Is the victim willing to speak to police? No .....

OFFENCE DETAILS

Date/Year Range: Not provided .....  
Location of offence: .....  
Brief Narrative: [ALBAK] have accused him of sexual assault of children and they believe there might be other victims apart from [ALBAK]. They have not indicated at this stage any wish to take the matter to the police. There is reference in one of his letters to a court case in Perth but no details are available.  
At present he is in England celebrating his Golden Jubilee despite the fact that his facilities as a priest were withdrawn in 1993.  
Suspect that he will come back to Australia and reside somewhere in the Bunbury Region of Western Australia.  
Family are unable to give an exact address. ....

NOTIFYING PERSON

Name: John Davoren, Professional Standards Office, on behalf of Bishop Michael Malone, Bishop of Maitland Newcastle ..... Davoren's Contact Number: 9287 1542 .....  
Date: 24 August 1999 .....

RECEIVING OFFICER

Name: ..... Date: .....

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