

Statement of Inspector Fay Dunn

Special Commission of Inquiry into matters relating to the Police Investigation of certain child sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

On 20 June 2013, I say as follows:

1. My full name is Fay Dunn and I am an Inspector of Police with the New South Wales Police Force (NSWPF). I am presently attached to the Education and Training Command (ETC) with the NSW Police Force.
2. This statement is prepared by me for the sole purpose of responding to a summons dated 19 June 2013 and issued on 19 June 2013 by the Special Commission of Inquiry (established by way of letters patent dated 21 November 2012 and varied by letters patent dated 25 January 2013) for me to produce a statement in relation to a number of defined issues. This statement is produced by me to the Special Commission of Inquiry pursuant to the said issued summons unwillingly and only on the basis that, without exception, section 23(2) of the *Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983* applies to restrict the use of this statement and the documents referred in it, and attached to it.
3. Pursuant to section 23(2) of the *Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983*, I object to the information contained within this statement, and the attachments to the statement, being used in any criminal, civil or other proceedings or inquiries or investigations of any kind.

Background

4. I was attested as a police officer in 1980.
5. After joining the NSWPF I carried out plain clothes duties for a period of a few months early in my career, but thereafter have been exclusively engaged in uniformed duties.
6. I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in April 1999.
7. In 2007 I was promoted to the rank of Inspector when carrying out duties with the Forensic Services Group.
8. Whilst with the Forensic Services Group, my initial duties were those of a training officer, followed by duties as the Staff Officer.
9. My role as Staff Officer was to provide support for the Commander of Forensic Services who at that time was Assistant Commissioner Carlene York.
10. I carried out the role of Staff Officer until February 2010 when I was transferred to the Northern Region. The circumstances surrounding my transfer to the Northern Region were that Assistant Commissioner York was appointed the Region Commander. After Assistant Commissioner York's appointment I was invited by her to take up the position of Staff Officer in the Northern Region and I accepted. I was transferred to the Northern Region in February 2010.

11. I continued in the role of Staff Officer to Assistant Commissioner York in the Northern Region up until December of 2011 at which time I took extended leave. I did not return to the position of Staff Officer at the end of my extended leave, but instead transferred to the Education and Training Command commencing duties there in the first week of August 2012. My role with that command is that of Manager of the Applied Leadership Training Unit.
12. I am aware of a request for information made by the Crown Solicitor's Office by way of letters dated 15 May 2013 as well as 31 May 2013. In terms of the information at my disposal, the following information is provided in accordance with the request made.

Northern Region Command

13. In terms of my taking up my role as the Staff Officer to Assistant Commissioner York in the Northern Region in early 2010, I had little information or knowledge relating to the investigations which were being carried out within the Northern Region Command prior to my taking up my appointment there.
14. I was not involved from an operational perspective with respect to any investigations that were carried out in relation to paedophilia or Church related paedophilia activities.
15. In terms of Strike Force Lantle and the circumstances surrounding its setting up, and the investigation that was carried out by that Strike Force, I had very little knowledge in my role as the Staff Officer. I was not directly involved in the setting up of the Strike Force, and I was not directly or indirectly involved in the investigation that was carried out. My role at the time was more in terms of being the recipient of information for enquiries relating to the operations of the region generally, and assisting the Assistant Commissioner to respond to such enquiries.

Email communication to which I was a party

16. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "A"** is a true copy of an email forwarded by Inspector Townsend to Assistant Commissioner York and myself at 15.09 on 2 August 2010.
17. To the best of my recollection, I did have contact with Ms McCarthy after that date on at least one occasion. That occasion was in circumstances where Ms McCarthy, who I knew to have been a journalist from the Newcastle Herald, was making enquiries about allegations relating to the Catholic Church and police investigations in relation to the Catholic Church.
18. In the one conversation that I do recall, my understanding was that Ms McCarthy wished to speak with the Region Commander but the Commander was unavailable at the time. For that reason I communicated with Ms McCarthy directly. In that conversation Ms McCarthy indicated that she was intending to place an article in the Newcastle Herald over the next few days and she wished a comment from the Region Commander. To the best of my recollection, and based upon my usual practice and procedure at that time when receiving such a request, I made the Region Commander aware of the call made by Ms McCarthy. I also believe that at the time Assistant Commissioner York may have been on leave, and Assistant Commissioner Max Mitchell may have been acting as the Region Commander.

19. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "B"** is a true copy of an email dated 25 August 2010, received by me from Inspector Townsend. To the best of my recollection, and based upon my usual practice and procedure at that time when receiving such an email, I would have provided Assistant Commissioner York with a copy of that email.
20. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "C"** is a series of emails which passed after my contact with Ms McCarthy had taken place. Those emails are as follows:
- (a) Email from Joanne McCarthy to Inspector Townsend forwarded at 9.55 on 12 October 2010. I was not a recipient of that email at the time.
 - (b) Email forwarded by Inspector Townsend at 15.50 hours on 12 October 2010 in response to Ms McCarthy's email. I was not a recipient to that email.
 - (c) Email forwarded by Inspector Townsend to myself at 14.45 hours on 13 October 2010.
 - (d) Email forwarded at 13.19 hours on 13 October 2010 from Detective Chief Inspector Humphrey to Commander Haggett. I was copied into that email.
21. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "D"** is a true copy of an email forwarded to me at 15.08 hours on 12 October 2010 by Detective Chief Inspector Humphrey. Such email attached a Sitrep dated 12 October 2010.
22. To the best of my recollection the circumstances surrounding these emails was that as a result of the communication received from Ms McCarthy, the matters the subject of the Inquiry were brought to the attention of the acting Region Commander Max Mitchell, and a situation report was requested from Detective Chief Inspector Wayne Humphrey - then Acting Commander Newcastle City Local Area Command in relation to the investigations which were then being undertaken by Strike Force Lantle.
23. In terms of the chain of communications that occurred, I do not have an independent recollection at this point of time as to what communications occurred between myself and other police officers at that time, apart from what has already been referred to in my statement.
24. Further, the inquiry made by Ms McCarthy related to a police operational matter, and in those circumstances it would be the responsibility of the Operations Manager, Inspector Townsend, to take over responsibility for dealing with the matter generally.
25. My role as the Staff Officer at the time was to facilitate the communications that were to occur between the people involved. I was also not expected, and did not have in my role as a Staff Officer any detailed or intimate knowledge of the actual investigation which was being undertaken by the members of Strike Force Lantle.
26. In addition, I can indicate that notwithstanding the flow of email communications that occurred between the senders of the emails and the recipients of the emails shown within the body of each email, I had no independent recollection of speaking to Inspector Townsend or any of the other police officers involved.

27. In terms of the email forwarded by then Acting Commander Humphrey on 12 October at 15.08 hours (annexure "D"), my usual practice at that time in my role as the Staff Officer would be, upon the receipt of any such email, to bring it to the attention of the acting Region Commander. Having said this, I can indicate once again that I have no independent recollection of having spoken to acting Region Commander Mitchell in relation to the matter.
28. As well as not having any independent recollection of having spoken to Inspector Townsend, or acting Commander Mitchell at the time, I can also indicate that I have no independent recollection of having spoken with then Acting Commander Humphrey at the time. In terms of my reference to having a conversation with Acting Commander Humphrey, I base this statement on the fact that, in the usual course of my practice and procedure as a Staff Officer, it would have been highly likely that (as indicated previously) given the context in which the information had been forthcoming from Ms McCarthy, a request for a situation report would have come about by myself at the behest of acting Region Commander Mitchell.

Detective Chief Inspector Peter Fox

29. In terms of my knowledge of Detective Chief Inspector Peter Fox, I can indicate that prior to my taking up the position of Staff Officer in the Northern Region in 2010, I did not know Detective Chief Inspector Fox, and had never at any stage communicated with him whether on a work related basis or a social basis.
30. To the best of my knowledge, the first time I would have come into contact with Detective Chief Inspector Fox was at an awards ceremony within the Northern Region that took place very shortly after my transfer to the Northern Region. It is possible that I was introduced to him at that awards ceremony. However, I have no recollection of having any conversation with him at the awards ceremony itself, or at any time thereafter.

Search of the office of Detective Chief Inspector Peter Fox

31. In terms of the request made for information relating to the search of Detective Chief Inspector Fox's office in October of 2010 I have no recollection, one way or the other of being involved in the search of Detective Chief Inspector Fox's office during that period. By this statement, I am indicating that my recollection at this point of time is such that I am unable to say one way or the other whether or not I had any conversations with acting Region Commander Mitchell in relation to any action to be taken with respect to any documents held in the possession of Detective Chief Inspector Fox at the time, and similarly I am unable to say based on my current recollection one way or the other as to whether or not I had any conversations with then Acting Commander Wayne Humphrey in relation to the matter.
32. Any search that occurred at the time was an operational matter, with which I was not directly concerned. As indicated previously in my statement, my role as a staff officer was more one of facilitating an appropriate response to any enquiries made, and to any action that needed to be taken and which was to be brought to the attention of the Region Commander.

Contact from Ms Giselle Wakatama

33. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "E"** is a copy of a series of emails relating to an enquiry made by Ms Giselle Wakatama, Senior Journalist with the ABC Newcastle. The first email forwarded by Ms Wakatama and the responses thereto came to my attention as a result of my being copied into such emails and was on 26 February 2010 at 18.09. To the best of my understanding, the reason why I was copied into these emails was so that in my position as a staff officer to Assistant Commissioner York, I would be made aware as to what action was taken with respect to the enquiries made by Ms Wakatama. To the best of my recollection, I did not receive any further emails, and was not a party to the email communications that occurred after 18.09 on 26 February 2010. I am not aware as to what transpired after that time and date, or the outcome of any further enquiries that were made after my receipt of that email, as to the best of my recollection I was not directly involved.

Involvement with Strike Force Lantle

34. In terms of my involvement with any matters that may be relevant to Strike Force Lantle, although my involvement with the Strike Force was minimal and as described in my statement, apart from the matters already referred to, I also was a party to email communications that occurred in December 2010 and April of 2011. For completeness, I attach copies of those emails to my statement.
35. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "F"** is a copy of a series of emails forwarded in December of 2010.
36. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "G"** is a true copy of a series of emails that were forwarded in April of 2011. I confirm that I received these emails in my capacity as Staff Officer. Apart from my attaching these email communications of December 2010 and April of 2011, to the best of my recollection I had no other relevant involvement with Strike Force Lantle or what I understand to be the subject matters of investigation by this Special Commission of Inquiry.

Signed

Inspector Fay Dunn

20 06 13

Date

"A"



(In Archive) Catholic Church Report
Anthony Townsend to: Carlene York, Fay Dunn
Bcc: Anthony Townsend

02/08/2010 15:09

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Ma'am and Fay

I have had a number of enquiries from Joanne McCarthy the Newcastle Herald Journalist in relation to the progress of the Catholic Church File. She was the person who initiated the file.

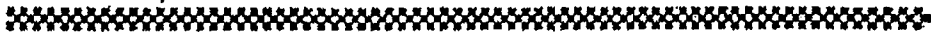
I have indicated that it has been forwarded to Ma'am for consideration which will occur in due course with a number of other competing priorities.

I have referred her to Fay via the Region Office number for future enquiries.

Regards Tony



Inspector Tony Townsend
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Signed

This and the following pages is the
annexure marked "A" referred to in the
statement of Fay Dunn

Dated 29.6.13

"B"

NSWPF306



(In Archive) Fw: Catholic Church
Anthony Townsend to: Fay Dunn
Bcc: Anthony Townsend

25/08/2010 15:14

Archive:

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Fay

As per our discussions below is the email I received from Detective Inspector Waddell the Crime Manager Lake Macquarie making representations about the preliminary investigation being allocated to their Command. They have indicated it should be allocated to Newcastle City LAC.

I understand that the file was allocated to them on the basis that they had the expertise to speak to the witnesses based on their Commands experience in dealing with matters relating to the Catholic Church. The rationale for that decision was sound. If statements were taken from the primary victims and some issues clarified (particularly if the wanted the matter reported to the police when they disclosed the offences to the catholic church) it may become self evident which the victims would accept that there was no basis to pursue the matter.

Steve Rae indicated that he would be prepared to assist when the witness are debrief which I would fully support.

In my view there is some merit to their request to review the allocation to Newcastle.

Additionally we are now requesting assistance from Lake Macquarie to make Sergeant Al Janson available to assist in the planning for Camp for Climate. He has expertise in planning the police response in relation to environmental protests on Power Stations. We would be seeking that he come off line asap in relation to this event. His release has become more problematic because Sergeant Mark Plant also from Lake Macquarie is due to start a secondment to the Region Office in September to fill the PSM Sergeant role that has been vacant for 18 months.

I have spoke to Brendan about deferring Sergeant Plant's secondment till after the Camp for Climate to ensure that event is properly planned for as the State Planning Unit are only offering consultancy and it by far how highest riks job in the Region for this year.

If you could advise Ma'am's thoughts in this regard it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards Tony



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----- Forwarded by Anthony Townsend/20978/Staff/NSWPolice on 25/08/2010 14:26 -----



David
Waddell/27431/Staff/NSW
Police
18/08/2010 09:28

To: Craig Rae/22212/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice
cc: Anthony Townsend/20978/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice
Subject: Catholic Church

Superintendent RAE,
Commander,
Lake Macquarie

This and the following 3 pages is the
annexure marked "B" referred to in the
statement of Fay Dunn Signed

Dated 20/6/13

247(a)

cc. Insp Townsend, Operations Manager, Northern Region

As you are both aware I am very disappointed with the decision to allocate the recent sexual assault investigation relating to the Catholic Church to Lake Macquarie for further investigation. I am aware that Inspector Townsend is going to forward me the hard copy of the file and discuss further, but I feel compelled to voice my dissatisfaction with this decision.

The information initially came to Lake Macquarie due to our investigation of SF Georgiana relating to the Catholic Church. I still have two Detectives, including Detective Sergeant Faber and PS SC Gardiner, investigating and preparing ongoing briefs of evidence in relation to SF Georgiana, when time permits. The current complaint has nothing to do with this investigation and relates to Newcastle City and Hunter Valley LACs.

Lake Macquarie Detectives are stretched at the moment from a workload and resourcing point of view. Only yesterday I had a meeting with Detectives due to issues associated with their staffing and workload. This was initially set down for last week, but had to be cancelled due to a search warrant last week requiring significant resourcing and ongoing investigation. This matter again being one that should be investigated with a significant strikeforce response, but one that we are having to manage on a lower scale that will not ultimately reflect the true criminality, due to a lack of available resources.

Lake Macquarie Detectives ran a significant industrial campaign two years ago to address their staffing issues and were successful in getting three additional overstrength (not to be de-activated) positions with an indication that they would get more Detectives from the promised two hundred additional LAC based Detectives soon to be allocated. The Lake Macquarie Detectives were the instigators of the Northern Region project in relation to Detectives workload allocation formula and based on this analysis ranked highly and are obviously in need of further staffing.

In relation to this specific issue, Lake Macquarie are already investigating SF Lozano - an historical sexual assault investigation relating to St John of God at Morisset. This will be a protracted investigation with about 4 POIs and 20 victims identified at this stage and we would anticipate that these numbers will grow significantly during the course of the investigation. A request for assistance was submitted to Sex Crimes, SCC but declined. I would anticipate that based on the current staff that we have been able to allocate to the investigation that this investigation will take at least six months, or more, to complete. Ideally we should be allocating further staff to assist with the investigation, but unfortunately do not have the available resources.

I have prepared a document (attached) setting out our current staffing and availability. The spreadsheet indicates in red those that are unavailable due to strikeforces, sick report etc and in blue those that would not be considered to undertake this type of investigation due to workload, role and welfare issues.



Lake Macquarie Detectives staffing submission to Region.doc

As indicated there are very few Detectives that are in a position to conduct an investigation of this nature and in reality it would be allocated to a Detective Senior Constable working on the floor to manage amongst their other cases and workload coming into the office. With the media attention and interest that this matter would generate I do not see this as an ideal situation and it would only exacerbate the staffing and workload issues that already exist within our Detectives office.

My view is that this investigation relates to Newcastle City and Hunter Valley and has nothing to do with Lake Macquarie and based on our available resources we are not in a position to provide an adequate investigation of this matter.

I would request that the Region Commander and HR Manager be again reminded of the staffing issues in relation to our Detectives and that a strong priority be given to our investigative resources when additional Detectives staffing are allocated in December.

For your consideration.

David Waddell
Detective Inspector
Crime Manager
Lake Macquarie LAC
Ph. 02 49429921 / EN. 71921
Fax. 02 49429952 / EN. 71952.

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E MAQUARIE DETECTIVES STAFF

Off/Insp David Waddell	Crime Manager.
Det Sgt Kristi Faber	Detective Sergeant - in last two years has been Supervisor / OIC of two protracted and lengthy investigations in SF Adrienne (homicide) and SF Georgiana (Catholic Church). Still running investigations and trials of evidence in relation to SF Georgiana (and St Plux relating to Newcastle City LAC) from office. Decision made not to assign any further protracted sexual assault investigations (particularly those relating to the Church) due to welfare concerns.
DSC Russell Turnbull	SF Lozano - Historical sexual assault investigation relating to St John of God at Morisset. This will be a protracted investigation with about 4 POs and 20 victims identified at this stage. RFA submitted to Sex Crimes, SCC declined. Additional staffing required but not available due to general LAC workload. Anticipated that investigation will take at least six months with current staffing / resources.
DSC Todd Clayton	Involved with SF Georgiana and SF Adrienne with D/Sgt FABER. Two protracted and lengthy investigations in SF Adrienne (homicide) and SF Georgiana (Catholic Church). Decision made not to assign any further protracted sexual assault investigations (particularly those relating to the Church) due to welfare concerns.
DSC Jacqui Filipo	
DSC Shaun McLeod	Sick report - Issues specifically relate to SF Georgiana.

247(1)

REDACTED - RELEVANCE

"C"

From: Wayne Humphrey/19634/Staff/NSWPolice

To: Charles Haggett/19499/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice

Cc: Anthony Townsend/20978/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice, Kirren Steel/26458/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice, Justin Quinn/26028/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice, Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice, Max Mitchell/19788/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice, Brad Tayler/21627/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice

Date: 13/10/2010 13:19

Subject: Re Strike Force Lantle

Dear Commander Haggett,

As per our conversation regarding SF Lantle (the investigation into the alleged coverup by members of the Catholic clergy) I would ask for the following to occur.

Detective Chief Inspector Fox has initiated contact with Detective Sergeant Steel (OIC) of the Strike Force. DCI Fox has indicated that he has possession of a file in regards to this matter and other documentary and anecdotal evidence. An examination of trim indicates a file originated at State Crime Command, was sent to Central Hunter and then ultimately to DCI Fox. That file and any associated documentation should be collected and hand delivered to Detective A/Inspector Quinn, Crime Manager Newcastle City LAC as soon as possible.

DCI Fox should be advised that he will be contacted by DS Steele in due course regarding information pertaining to this investigation. DCI Fox should not initiate contact with DS Steele directly, all contact should be through the Crime Manager at Newcastle City LAC.

I probably don't need to remind all recipients of this email that this enquiry has been subject of much media interest (Commander Haggett you might also make the following very clear to DCI Fox please) It is my view that whilst this investigation rests with Newcastle City LAC then this command will be responsible for the overall management of the investigation, the investigative strategies and directions and any relevant media strategy.

I thank you all for your assistance in this matter.

kind regards

Wayne D. Humphrey
A/Commander
Newcastle City LAC

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annexure marked "C" referred to in the
statement of Fay Dean Signed

Dated 20/6/13

From: Anthony Townsend/20978/Staff/NSWPolice
To: Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice
Date: 13/10/2010 14:45
Subject: Fw: from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald

Fay

FYI

Regards

----- Forwarded by Anthony Townsend/20978/Staff/NSWPolice on 13/10/2010 14:43 -----

To: Joanne McCarthy
<jmccarthy@theherald.com.au>
cc:
Subject: Re: from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle HeraldLink
Anthony
Townsend/20978/Staff/NSWPolice

12/10/2010 15:50

Good Afternoon Joanne

I have been able to contact Acting Assistant Commissioner Max Mitchell who currently the Commander of Northern Region and he has authorised the following response in relation to your enquiry.

"Northern Region has been made aware of the concerns of the Australian Lawyers Alliance. Newcastle City Local Area Command is conducting an investigation into the allegations surrounding the late Father Dennis McAlinden and I have every confidence their investigation will be thorough and professional."

Kind Regards

Joanne McCarthy
<jmccarthy@theherald.com.au>

To: "townlant@police.nsw.gov.au"
<townlant@police.nsw.gov.au>

cc:

Subject from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald

12/10/2010 09:55

Dear Inspector Townsend,

Following our phone conversation, and recognising Max Mitchell is not only in an acting capacity, but is not even in the area, I just wanted to advise we will be running the article tomorrow about the Australian Lawyers Alliance correspondence with the northern region command office, and to see if Acting Assistant Commissioner Mitchell would like to respond to the alliance's concerns that police are not investigating the McAlinden matter, or are not treating it seriously.

Is Mr Mitchell willing to say it is being treated seriously, and how the alliance can be assured that it is?

Regards. Joanne McCarthy.

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From: Wayne Humphrey/19634/Staff/NSWPolice
To: Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice, Max Mitchell/19788/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice
Cc: Justin Quinn/26028/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice
Date: 12/10/2010 15:08
Subject: Sitrep - SF Lantle

Find attached sitrep as requested. This sitrep has not been numbered within the main system due to the confidential nature of the inquiry. The sitrep will be downloaded into e@gle.i to maintain an auditable record of submission.

Wayne D. Humphrey

A/Commander

Newcastle City LAC

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Dated 2016.1.13



SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)

Date: 12/10/2010	Time: 14:00	Region: Northern
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INITIATING COMMAND: Newcastle City	SITREP NUMBER: 10/288
OFFICER IN CHARGE: A/Det. Inspector Quinn	EVENT NUMBER: B S/F LANTLE
CONTACT NUMBER: 49266500 E/N 60500	MEDIA STATUS: Not for Press

ISSUE:

Allegations of Conceal Serious Offence by senior Clergy members, **REDACTED**, Bishop Michael MALONE and others regarding the sexual assault of **AL I. AK** and Peter GOGARTY around 1995.

BACKGROUND:

In 1995 members of the Maitland Diocese of the Catholic Church became aware of serious allegations of sexual abuse by one of its priests, Father Dennis McALINDEN. Action was taken at that time by the Clergy members to remove McALINDEN as a priest.

Redacted

A file concerning the matter was compiled by Newcastle Herald reporter, Ms Joanne MCCARTHY and forwarded to police.

CURRENT POSITION:

The file has been comprehensively reviewed by Northern Region Operations Manager, Inspector TOWNSEND. It was received at Newcastle City LAC on 6 September 2010 where it was reviewed by the Crime Manager, Det. Chief Inspector TAYLER. Due to the current high workload of senior investigators within the Newcastle City LAC, a decision was made to allocate the file to Det. Sgt. STEEL who commenced duties in the Newcastle Detectives office on 19 September 2010. Unfortunately Det. Sgt. STEEL was required to take some pre-allocated leave upon her transfer to the office. She has returned from leave today and has been allocated as the officer in charge of the investigation.

WELFARE ISSUES:

Nil.

FURTHER/PROPOSED ACTION:

S/F LANTLE has been commenced. It is proposed that a meeting will be held between the Acting Crime Manager and STEEL on Wednesday 13 October 2010 to determine investigative strategies. Other relevant documentation is being collected from other Commands in respect of this matter.

Completing Officer's Signature:	Vetting Officer's Signature:
Rank & Name: A/Insp. Justin Quinn	Rank & Name: A/Supt. W.HUMPHREY
Date & Time Created: 12/10/2010 14:00	Date & Time Vetted: 12/10/2010 15:00

1. Local Area Commander, Newcastle
2. Region Commander, Northern Region

Upon completion this document MUST be signed and forwarded by facsimile to the following:

A. Duty Operations Inspector, VKG Sydney (#DOI)	(02) 9265 4272	E/N 54272
B. Operations Response Unit, Office of the Commissioner (#DCOP)	(02) 8363 6352	E/N 46362
C. Police Media Unit, Public Affairs (#PMU)	(02) 8263 6312	E/N 46312

"E"

NSWPF

EX 36



(In Archive) Fw: Media Request - ABC Newcastle - Clergy Abuse
Carlene York to: Anthony Townsend

01/03/2010 09:50

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Tony
Can you follow up and see what you can find out
thanks
Carlene

Carlene York

Assistant Commissioner | Region Commander Northern | NSW Police Force
Northern Region Office | Level 3 / Cnr of Church and Watt St, Newcastle NSW 2300
PH: 02 4929 0800 | FAX: 02 4929 0732

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

--- Forwarded by Carlene York/18995/Staff/NSWPolice on 01/03/2010 09:50 ---



Michael
Haddow/29154/Staff/NSW
Police
01/03/2010 08:26

To Carlene York/18995/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice
cc

Subject Re: Fw: Media Request - ABC Newcastle - Clergy Abuse

Good morning Maam,

I am relieving as the Commander Sex Crimes at the moment. I have only been here for about 8 months and the only North Region investigation of this nature that I am aware of is S/F Georgiana which is a Lake Macquarie LAC investigation which has charged several priests. I have forwarded your question to Insp Wayne Armstrong and should have a more comprehensive answer for you during the morning.

Regards,

Insp. Kelly Smith

Michael Haddow
Ph: 8835 8656 / 28656

--- Carlene York/18995/Staff/NSWPolice wrote: ---

To: "Haddow, Michael" <hadd1mic@police.nsw.gov.au>
From: Carlene York/18995/Staff/NSWPolice
Date: 02/26/2010 07:14PM
Subject: Fw: Media Request - ABC Newcastle - Clergy Abuse

Michael
I believe you are the commander at the moment.
Could you assist with any information regarding the request below
Regards
Carlene
Assistant Commissioner
Northern Region
NSW Police Force

This and the following 2 pages is the
annexure marked "E" referred to in the
statement of *Flag Down* Signed

Dated 20/6/13

Carlene York
----- Original Message -----

From: Carlene York
Sent: 26/02/2010 18:09 ZETD
To: Christopher Nash; John Kerfater; Paul Devaney; Max Mitchell
Cc: Fay Dunn
Subject: Re: Media Request - ABC Newcastle - Clergy Abuse

Chris
I am not aware of these request, Will get advice before I respond to you whether I agree
Regards
Carlene
John/Max
Can you provide advice please
C
Assistant Commissioner
Northern Region
NSW Police Force

Christopher Nash
----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Nash
Sent: 26/02/2010 17:50 ZETD
To: Carlene York; John Kerfater; Paul Devaney; Stephen Rae
Subject: Media Request - ABC Newcastle - Clergy Abuse

Ma'am and Sirs,

Please see attached a media request from the ABC Newcastle who wish to interview Ma'am York in regards to an investigation into clergy abuse in the Maitland/Newcastle Catholic Diocese.

Can you please have a look at this request and let us know how you wish to proceed regarding it.

I have responded to the journalist informing her that her request has been forwarded and is awaiting a reply. The email has been deleted from our shared mail box and is now on the media unit running sheet.

Regards,

Chris Nash
Acting Sergeant
NSW Police Force
Media Unit
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26/02/2010 13:59

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Subject:attention supervisor

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am hoping to do a pre-recorded interview with the Assistant Commissioner Carleen York in relation to calls by a senior police officer in the Northern region for a wider investigation into his concerns about a high proportion of clergy abuse in the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Diocese.

He's submitted several reports over the past two years to the Sex Crime Squad highlighting his concerns about clergy abuse and feels a broader investigation into the issue might be warranted...similar to inquiries in Ireland and Boston.

I would be hoping to find out if the Assistant Commissioner supports his calls and if the sex crime squad would consider looking in to it, after examining his reports.

Kind regards

Giselle Wakatama

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To: Max Mitchell/19788/Staff/NSWPolice, shieldtre@police.nsw.gov.au, "Humphrey, Wayne" <humplway@police.nsw.gov.au>

Cc: "Terry, Michelle" <terr1mic@police.nsw.gov.au>, Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice

Date: 24/12/2010 14:03

Subject: Fw: ATTENTION: Roger Brock / Joanne McCarthy

Team

Email sent today below,

You will see my letter is particularly relating to my concern for our officers.

I do hate to see anyone suffer unnecessarily. We could expect continued scrutiny by the Herald. I am not reacting to these articles and request you maintain your focus on operations and HR and not be diverted by such sensational journalism.

You are doing a great job and regretfully it is Newcastle's turn to suffer some HR issues which will always ebb and flow!

You may determine some welfare checks may be required for our named officers to reinforce our concern and our public statement supporting them and requesting they be afforded the privacy they deserve. Please pass on my concern.

(Ok off my soapbox now)

Have a great day tomorrow

Regards

Carlene

Assistant Commissioner
Northern Region
NSW Police Force

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

From: Norris Smith

Sent: 24/12/2010 13:42 ZE10

To: Timothy Archer; Carlene York

Subject: Fw: ATTENTION: Roger Brock / Joanne McCarthy

This and the following 2 pages is the
annexure marked "F" referred to in the
statement of Fay Dunn Signed

Dated 20/6/13

Carlene / Tim

For your info... see attached email sent to Newcastle Herald editor Roger Brock and journalist Joanne McCarthy.

The newspaper refused to provide direct email addresses and suggested it be sent to their generic address with the ATTENTION in the subject area.

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

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----- Forwarded by Norris Smith/2000590/Staff/NSWPolice on 24/12/2010 13:40 -----

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To news@theherald.com.au
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Joanne McCarthy

See below for response from Northern Region Commander, Asst Commissioner Carlene York re "Strikeface" article in today's edition of your newspaper.

Regards

Norris Smith
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Dear Editor

I write in relation to recent stories about Newcastle police which named specific officers who are on sick leave.

Whether you are a police officer, a public servant or a general member of the public, I believe every person deserves the right to privacy about their health.

It is hard to see the public interest in naming these individual officers. On the contrary, it simply serves to cause stress and anguish to officers who we are very keen to help get back to work.

Local Area Commanders work closely with individual officers, their treating doctor and our injury management experts to implement return-to-work plans for these officers. Our primary interest is to ensure their good health and welfare, so seeing their names in print is disappointing.

I would request that you respect these officers' right to privacy in the future.

Thank you.

Assistant Commissioner Carlene York
Commander, Northern Region

"G"

Norris Smith/2000590/Staff/NSWPolice

14/04/2011 15:49

To

Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice

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From: Fay Dunn/19092/Staff/NSWPolice

Date: 04/14/2011 04:18PM

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Date: 14/04/2011 16:52

Subject: Re: Fw: amended email from Joanne McCarthy, Newcastle Herald, with contact and deadline details

Inspector Dunn.

Fay, this is clearly another issue that has come about from 'leaking' my DCI Fox. Numerous references within the email confirms this.

The ex police officer referred to is Troy Grant who recently won the National Party seat at Dubbo.

Joanne McCarthy spoke with DI Parker today. I will get a full written briefing from him tomorrow as she has made a number of disclosures which support the assertion that DCI Fox, in direct contravention of a direction, still persists in leaking information on this investigation to her. She also disclosed Troy Grant's involvement. I won't speculate on the entirety of the disclosures until I get fully briefed by Graeme. He is not able to get to a computer at the moment.

In any case,

SF Lantle has not been dormant. It is correct that DCI TAYLER and DSgt STEBL are off sick (that occurred some time ago). Det Sgt Little was assigned this investigation some time ago and still remains the senior investigator with DSC Freeny from the original team. The only 'change' has been from a management level where it has gone from me to DI Parker. DSGT Little & DSC Freeny's names have NOT been given to M/s McCarthy as we are trying to protect them from the constant inappropriate inquiries she makes.

DSGT Little has completed a full investigation plan after analysing the holdings. The victim has been spoken to and advised on the conduct of the investigation, (bearing in mind that at the outset she refused to deal with anyone but DCI Fox which I think clearly indicates his interference). DSGT Little is on leave. When he returns from leave it is DI Parker's intention to take him off line to bring the investigation to a conclusion. I cannot say how long that will take as it involves quite involved inquiries, some of which need to occur interstate.

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