

## Statement of Detective Inspector Mark John Watters

### 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 19 June 2013, I say:

#### Preliminary matters

1. My full name is Mark John Watters and I am a Detective Inspector with the New South Wales Police Force (the NSWPF). I am currently attached to the State Protection Group, Dog Unit.
2. On 13 March 2013 I made a statement in relation to the Special Commission of Inquiry.
3. This statement is prepared by me for the sole purpose of responding to a summons dated 19 June 2013 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.
4. 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.

AE

5. When AE I came to the Maitland Police Station on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1999, I recall that this was after being advised she could do this by the person who had taken her statement which appeared at Annexure B to my first statement.
6. At the time of AE attendance at the police station, she also brought with her a copy of an advertisement which had appeared in the print media. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "A" is a true copy of the article and an additional page on which I made notes. The heading of the article is "Are you hurt or distressed?".
7. Annexure "A" also contains some handwriting, this being copies of notes which were made by myself at the time of the attendance of AE at the police station, and at points of time thereafter. The majority of the notes made are in my handwriting, and refers to information received by myself as well as notes I made to record further inquiries to be undertaken, or what persons should be spoken to, with their contact details.
8. In the bottom left hand corner of the document is a reference to "Barry O'Hearn - Croudaa Bay - 49456564". This entry was made by myself, as at the time information was given to me by AE to the effect that that person may be a useful witness and could provide relevant information in relation to the information

provided by **AE** herself with respect to the allegations being made against Father Dennis McAlinden.

9. On the day I took **AE's** statement, I began to file relevant material on an orange envelope, which I call a 'brief envelope'. It was my practice to file relevant material in this envelope and to write notes on the envelope as I was making telephone calls. It was my practice, but not always carried out that I would make more comprehensive notes in my duty book from the notes I had made on the 'brief envelope'. A 'brief envelope' is an A4 size envelope relating to an investigation being carried out by a police officer. It is a document that would indicate the nature of the investigation being commenced, and the content of the envelope would comprise material such as statement or other documentation relating to the investigation.
10. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "B" is a copy of the 'brief envelope'.
11. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "C" is a document I prepared which outlines the notes I made on the 'brief envelope'.
12. In terms of the notes made on the brief envelope, annexed to this statement marked with the letter "D" is a photocopy of the COPS Event Reference E8026529 referred to on the envelope itself. This COPS Event was created by myself at or about the time of my having first interviewed **AE**.
13. In terms of the entries which were made on the brief envelope, in addition to the transcription of notes comprising annexure "C" I can provide the following information.
14. I did speak to Father Barry O'Hearn when following up inquiries in relation to **AE's** allegations.
15. To the best of my recollection Father O'Hearn indicated that he had no recollection of the incident that was referred to by **AE**.
16. I also have a recollection of contacting a Mike Stanwell, whose name is also contained on the brief envelope. To the best of my recollection, I came into contact with Mr Stanwell at a point in time when I telephoned the Bishop's house. At the time, it was my understanding that Mr Stanwell was working with the Catholic Church. My reference to Mike Stanwell, was considered by myself as being of some importance at the time, and this can be seen from the fact that next to the name of Mike Stanwell in my notes are two lines.
17. The placing of these two lines next to his name was an indication to myself at the time that he was an important person, or otherwise could provide important information.
18. Also on the second page of the notes appearing at annexure "A" is a reference to **URB**. To the best of my collection this was a name provided to me by **AE** with an indication that this person may have also have been a victim of Father McAlinden. I do recall making further inquiries from **URB** at the time and she provided me with information in relation to the matter. I advised her that I would speak with her at a later stage in relation to the information provided. However, at that time I did not obtain a statement from her as Father McAlinden was unable to be located. Later however and in the year 2005 I did again speak to

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UR6 I was intending to obtain a statement from her in relation to the matter, however such a statement was never obtained as by that stage I had become aware as a result of further inquiries made that Dennis McAlinden was dying from cancer and on this basis the matter could not be progressed.

**Detective Chief Inspector Peter Fox**

19. Detective Chief Inspector Fox was at that time in October 1999 my direct supervisor and a Detective Sergeant. At that time, I would discuss with him the progress of the AE / McALINDEN investigation, but he did not take any active part in the investigation, such as telephone calls or taking of statements. Detective Chief Inspector Fox did not make any COPS entries on this matter during this period from October 1999 to January 2000 when I suspended the case.
20. Whilst I was undertaking inquiries and conducting investigations in relation to the AE allegations in 1999 to the best of my knowledge and belief at no stage was Detective Chief Inspector Fox directly involved in the investigations. Further, at no stage to my knowledge did he actually meet with AE on a formal basis for the purpose of taking a statement or information from her. At the time the office in which the detectives were working was an open office, and in order for AE to come and see me at the detectives' office, any contact between us would be seen by other detectives in the office.
21. It may have been the case that Detective Chief Inspector Fox saw AE in the office in passing, and may have acknowledged her presence, but at no stage to my knowledge did he ever come into contact with her for the purpose of taking any information from her in relation to her allegations. The person who dealt with AE with respect to her allegations was myself and to my knowledge no other detective in the office.
22. In 2005 I had returned to duties as a team leader carrying out uniform police duties in Kurri Kurri. Because of the work required by operation Peregrine, I undertook further inquiries in relation to Father McAlinden. These inquiries are referred to in the statement previously provided by myself to the Special Commission on 13 March 2013. When carrying out my further inquiries in 2005 regarding Dennis McAlinden's whereabouts, I was not aware and it was not made known to me by anyone at the time including Detective Chief Inspector Fox that other inquiries were being conducted in relation to Dennis McAlinden. Specifically, I was not aware that Detective Chief Inspector Fox himself was in contact with police officers in Western Australia or that he was trying to ascertain the whereabouts of Dennis McAlinden. I was the officer in charge of the investigations being carried out in 2005, and to my knowledge Detective Chief Inspector Fox was not involved in my investigation. My only dealings in 2005 were with Detective Chief Inspector Humphrey. At the time it was Detective Chief Inspector Humphrey who was my superior officer within the NSWPF and who supported my application for extradition.
23. From 2005, up until the present time, to the best of my knowledge and recollection I did not engage in any discussions with Detective Chief Inspector Peter Fox with respect to ongoing investigations in relation to the McAlinden file. After I became aware in 2005 that Dennis McAlinden was deceased, as far as I was concerned the file was closed. However, I do have a recollection of speaking with Detective Chief Inspector Fox, in passing and on an informal basis where he indicated that he was looking at matters to deal with the Catholic Church in or about the years 2006 or 2007.

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24. I refer to the address of **Redacted at Commissioner's direction** which is recorded in my handwriting on annexure "A".
25. To the best of my recollection I obtained this address by means of the following inquiries. At the time I made an inquiry from the RTA in relation to Father McAlinden and any information that may have existed as to his whereabouts. The date of this inquiry was 8 October 1999.
26. As a result of the inquiry made by myself, I became aware that the address given according to RTA records was **Redacted at Commissioner's direction** Annexed hereto and marked with the letter "E" is a true copy of a recent printout of the RTA inquiry made by myself.

**Further inquiries**

27. On the back of the brief envelope is a reference to Konjunup police station. The number shown is 08 9831-1333.
28. To the best of my recollection this phone number represents the contact number for the Konjunup police station. To the best of my recollection, I telephoned the Konjunup police station upon that number as a result of my having undertaken a Telstra check relating to the telephone number given to me of 9832-3014. I am presently unaware as to how I obtained the number 9832-3014, but this number represented an address in Konjunup which is what led me to contacting the Konjunup police station in order to make further inquiries.
29. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "F"** is a true copy of a COPS event bearing reference E11302712. This COPS events was accessed by myself in 2005 when Operation Peregrine was resurrected, leading to my making further inquiries. After Operation Peregrine was resurrected, I was able to access my entire folder relating to the **AE** material that had earlier been created in 1999 - 2000 out of police archives. Upon making further inquiries in relation to Dennis McAlinden, I became aware of the existence of COPS Event E11302712 and of the fact that Detective Flipo was also conducting an investigation into Dennis McAlinden.
30. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "G"** is a true copy of a case file relating to the McAlinden investigations (annexure "I" to my first statement). On the right hand side of the typed entries made is handwriting. Such handwriting is mine. The handwriting made represents the person and dates that the case file was accessed. From the case file it could be seen that Detective Chief Inspector Fox made a narrative in relation to the matter in 2005 as well as a further narrative in 2007 and 2010. As indicated previously in my statement, I was not aware of any involvement of Detective Chief Inspector Fox in any aspect of the investigation in 2005, and I am not aware of any involvement or any ongoing investigation with respect to the Dennis McAlinden in 2007.

**Pass Alert**

31. The process at the time for a PASS Alert was for a form to be completed and faxed to the NSW Police Service, Information and Intelligence Centre, Field Services, now known as the NSWPF Operational Information Agency (OIA). The Field

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Services would then forward the request to the Federal Police who would enact the PASS alert. A fax reply would be sent confirming the PASS alert was in place. This PASS alert would be in force for 90 days, or 180 days if a warrant was in existence.

32. My understanding of the PASS alert at that time was that it would cause a 'flag' to appear of the person the subject of the PASS alert entered or left Australia.
33. At the time of taking out the First Instance Warrant and enacting the PASS alert, I did not make any further enquiries to see if in fact the PASS alert was in force.

#### Centrelink Request

34. I completed a Centrelink search request for Denis McAlinden and forwarded to the NSW Police Field Services but do not believe that I ever received a reply. If I had received that, it was my practice to put all relevant information into the brief envelope and as this is not in that envelope, I believe it was not received.

#### Phone numbers

35. I cannot remember the exact source of the "Bridgetown W.A" phone number on the Telstra form dated 8 October 1999.
36. I cannot remember the exact inquiries I made of the owner of the phone number 08 9832 3014, except that it did not progress my attempts to locate Denis McAlinden.

#### Any other matters

37. There are no other matters that I consider relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

Signed

Signature of Mark John Watters

Date

20/6/13

"A"

AL

Father Bill BURSTON  
(vicar general)

UR22

Fax

Dennis  
McACINDEN

B 68652

24.1.23

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Bridgetown

Bishop's Chancery

49791111

(08) 98323014

Barry O'HEARN  
Croudaa Bay

## Are you hurt or distressed?

If your experiences with priests or others working as agents of the church have caused you distress, damage or harm, please read on.

Funding has been provided for counselling, therapy and related services for victims of sexual abuse and related individuals. These services are aimed at assisting, helping and healing the affected individuals.

### Call toll free for confidential assistance.

A psychologist, Mr Shane Wall (M.A.Ps.S.), from Collins Street in Melbourne, will be responsible for co-ordinating this service. He is backed by an advisory panel of qualified psychologists with acknowledged expertise in the treatment and care of abuse victims, who are bound by the Australian Psychological Society Code of Ethics to ensure confidentiality.

So when you call Shane Wall toll free on 1800 620 900 none of your personal information will be released to anyone, without your consent.

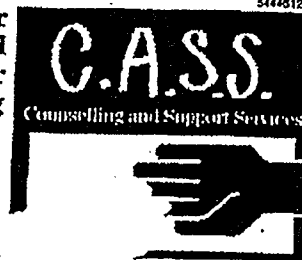
### Counselling and Support Services - an Independent Service for you

C.A.S.S., in this operation, is funded by the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and co-ordinated by qualified psychologist Mr Shane Wall. While the Catholic Diocese provide the required level of funding, the administration of the program and services is independently managed by Mr Wall and an advisory panel of qualified psychologists. This panel with Mr Wall will determine your requirements to assist you with your experiences. You may use your counsellor or choose from a list of registered psychologists in private practice.

To discuss your distress or hurt, call Mr Shane Wall (M.A.Ps.S.) for independent counselling and support on

TOLL FREE

1800 620 900



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Tom KERNER  
Adamstown Priest

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Mark John Walter  
SIGNED THIS DAY OF June 2013

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D.O.B.:

Address, redacted.

ph:

AE  
[phone number]

# Annexure B removed



# Annexure C removed

Event Ref No : E 8026529

## General Event Details

Date/Time Reported : 08/10/1999 09:00  
 Event Classification : ACCEPTED Event Status : VERIFIED  
 Clear Up Status/Date : UNDER INVESTIGATION - 26/09/2007  
 Created By : INSP WATTERS, MARK JOHN - MAITLAND  
 Updated By : INSP FOX, PETER RAYMOND - CENTRAL HUNTER

## Police Involved

Police in Charge : INSP WATTERS, MARK JOHN - MAITLAND  
 Created By : INSP WATTERS, MARK JOHN - MAITLAND  
 Date/Time Created : 08/10/1999 10:47

## Disseminations

For the Attention Of : SENCON COFFEY, BRIAN FRAN - MAITLAND  
 Dissemination Reason : SPONSORSHIP  
 Created By : SENSGT STUART, DAVID LESLIE - MAITLAND  
 Date/Time Created : 08/10/1999 15:24  
 Completed By : SENSGT STUART, DAVID LESLIE - 08/10/1999 15:24

For the Attention Of : SGT NEAVES, LISA BELINDA - SCC SEX CRIMES SQUAD  
 Dissemination Reason : MONITORING OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE FOR CPEA  
 Created By : SENSGT STUART, DAVID LESLIE - SCC SEX CRIMES SQUAD  
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 Completed By : SENSGT STUART, DAVID LESLIE - 08/10/1999 15:24

## Actions

Action Title : DISCUSS TO SEE IF SHE WANTS TO GO AHEAD WITH PROSECUTION  
 Action Description :  
 Created By : INSP WATTERS, MARK JOHN - CENTRAL HUNTER  
 Date/Time Created : 28/07/2005 19:40 COMPLETE  
 Action Type : VICTIM ACTION  
 Completed By : INSP WATTERS, MARK JOHN - 01/08/2005

Action Title : STATEMENT TAKEN  
 Created By : INSP WATTERS, MARK JOHN - MAITLAND  
 Date/Time Created : 08/10/1999 10:48 COMPLETE  
 Action Type : VICTIM ACTION  
 Completed By : INSP WATTERS, MARK JOHN - 08/10/1999

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*Mark John Watters*  
 SIGNED THIS *21* DAY OF *June 2013*

Event Ref No : E 8026529

Person Reporting  
Name Used

: AE

Record Name :  
CNI Number/Summary : 681701103 - OV--R---D-----  
Date of Birth/Age Rge : Sex : F  
Drivers Licence/State :  
Contact Address :  
Home Phone :  
Mobile :

Narrative Details  
Date/Time Created  
Created By

: 08/10/1999 10:44  
: MAITLAND - WATTERS, MARK JOHN  
OFFENDER: Father Denis McALINDEN (76 old)  
VICTIM: AE (57 old)

The victim was a member of the St Brigid's Catholic Church at Raymond Terrace in 1953. Attached to the Church there was also a Primary School. In 1953, when the victim was 11 years old, the assistant priest of the parish, the offender Father Denis McALINDEN befriended the girl and two of her friends. He would take the girls for drives while on his parish rounds. He dropped off the other two girls and then took the victim to a secluded area of Richardson Road Raymond Terrace where he had vaginal/penile intercourse with the girl. This happened on a total of four occasions until the girl stopped getting into the Priest's car.

On two other occasions, at activity events in the church hall, the priest took the girl into the servery area of the hall and had her masturbate him until ejaculation.

The Catholic Church at Newcastle have been spoken to and the priest is still alive and living in the Newcastle area. He is currently out of the country and due to return in the next few weeks. He is not currently working as a priest due to other alleged incidents such as this, but there has been no formal complaint received by Police.

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During Operation Peregrine II the offender was located living in Western Australia. Further enquiries were made with the victim in this matter regarding prosecution, or not.

She said she would like to discuss it with her husband over the weekend and would discuss it further with Sgt WATTERS on Monday.

If the victim decides to go ahead, then further discussion will be held with Crime Manager HUMPHREY.

Date/Time Created : 28/10/2005 15:36  
Created By : CENTRAL HUNTER - FOX, PETER RAYMOND

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Event Ref No : E 8026529

Narrative Details

Information from Helen KEEVERS is that the priest sought in this matter is suffering from Cancer - possible terminal. He can now be found at St John of God Villa, McCourt Street, Subiaco Western Australia.

KEEVENS can be contacted on 49 791156 or at the Catholic Churt child abuse unit

Incident Details

Incident Date/Time : 01/01/1953 09:00 to 31/12/1953 09:00  
Incident Type : ACTUAL SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER  
Further Class. : CARNAL KNOWLEDGE  
Incident Status/Class. : VERIFIED - ACCEPTED  
Clear Up Status/Date : UNDER INVESTIGATION - 26/09/2007  
Associated Factor : SEXUAL ABUSE RELATED  
CHILD ABUSE RELATED SEXUAL

Incident Location

Address : RICHARDSON RD RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324  
Intersecting Street : RICHARDSON RD, PACIFIC HWY

Premise Type : OUTDOOR/PUBLIC PLACE LAND ROAD/STREET  
L.A.C./Sector/Beat/NHW: PORT STEPHENS - RAYMOND TERRACE - 26 - 26

Modus Operandi Details

SEXUAL ACT METHOD : SEXUAL INTERCOURSE - VAGINAL

Org Of Interest

Organisation Name : ST BRIGIDS CHURCH  
Branch/Outlet Name : RAYMOND TERRACE  
Organisation Type : RELIGIOUS SECT  
CNI Number/Summary : 683242059 -VX-----  
Contact Address : ST BRIGIDS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
65 WILLIAM ST RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324  
Phone : 02 49872139

Person Of Interest

Name Used/Status : MCALINDEN, DENIS SUSPECT  
Record Name : MCALINDEN, DENIS  
CNI Number/Summary : 698137577 - O-----WID-----  
Date of Birth/Age Rge : 24/01/1923 Sex : M  
Drivers Licence/State : B68652 NSW  
Tourist/Visitor State : NSW  
Tourist/Visitor Cntry : AUSTRALIA  
Aboriginal : NO  
Corres Strait Islander: NO  
Contact Address : Redacted at Commissioner's direction  
Occupation/Skill : RETIRED

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Event Ref No : E 8026529

Name Used : UR6  
 Record Name :  
 CNI Number/Summary : 640433710 - -V-WR--A-----  
 Date of Birth/Age Rge : Sex : F  
 Drivers Licence/State :  
 Contact Address :  
 Home Phone : 02  
 Work Phone :

Incident Details  
 Incident Date/Time : 01/01/1953 09:00 to 31/12/1953 09:00  
 Incident Type : ACTUAL SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER  
 Further Class. : CARNAL KNOWLEDGE  
 Incident Status/Class. : VERIFIED - ACCEPTED  
 Clear Up Status/Date : UNDER INVESTIGATION - 26/09/2007  
 Associated Factor : SEXUAL ABUSE RELATED  
 CHILD ABUSE RELATED SEXUAL

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Modus Operandi Details  
 SEXUAL ACT METHOD : SEXUAL INTERCOURSE - VAGINAL

Org Of Interest  
 Organisation Name : ST BRIGIDS CHURCH  
 Branch/Outlet Name : RAYMOND TERRACE  
 Organisation Type : RELIGIOUS SECT  
 CNI Number/Summary : 683242059 -VX-----  
 Contact Address : ST BRIGIDS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 65 WILLIAM ST RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324  
 Phone : 02 49872139

Person Of Interest  
 Name Used/Status : MCALINDEN, DENIS SUSPECT  
 Record Name : MCALINDEN, DENIS  
 NI Number/Summary : 698137577 - O-----WID-----  
 Date of Birth/Age Rge : 24/01/1923 Sex : M  
 Drivers Licence/State : B68652 NSW  
 Tourist/Visitor State : NSW  
 Tourist/Visitor Cntry : AUSTRALIA  
 Aboriginal : NO  
 Torres Strait Islander : NO  
 Contact Address : Redacted at Commissioner's direction  
 Occupation/Skill : RETIRED

\* \* \* END OF LIST \* \* \*

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New South Wales Police Force  
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Date : 08/02/  
Time : 10:20:  
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Event Ref No : E 8026529

Submission Details :  
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User : WATTERS, MARK JOHN

Section : STATE PROTECTION GROUP

Branch : COUNTER TERRORISM & SPECIAL TACTICS

Terminal : MENSWT97

\* \* \* END OF REPORT \* \* \*

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NSW Police PRD  
NSWP:WATTERS MARK

RTA Enquiry via COPS  
Licence Details

11/06/2013 09:44  
MENST001:OOAA

Drivers Lic No : B68652      Lic State : NSW      DRIVES Cust-Id : 1433630

Name : MCALINDEN, DENIS

Address : Redacted at Commissioner's direction

Sex : M      Date of Birth : 24/01/1923

Lic Colour : 5-yr Unr

Class : 1A      Type : UNRESTRICTED

Expiry Date : 24/09/2000

Surrendered :      Status : ACTIVE

1st Issued Date : 24/10/1985

Other Licences ( ) > Licence Conds 1 ( )      Log Book ( )  
> Physical/Death ( ) > RTA Indicator 1 ( X )      GBP & Photo Card ( )

New Criteria ? ( N ) Y/N

Fastpath ( ) PF5=Show PF keys

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Mark John Watters  
SIGNED THIS 21 DAY OF June 2013

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COPS

Date : 23/08/02  
Time : 08:03:12  
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Event Ref No : E 11302712

General Event Details

Date/Time Reported : 17/01/2001 13:00  
Event Classification : ACCEPTED Event Status : VERIFIED  
Clear Up Status/Date : NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION - 18/01/2001  
Created By : SENCON CONNON, SHERIDAN - SURRY HILLS  
Updated By : SGT DENNIS, MATTHEW MAR - LAKE MACQUARIE

Narrative Details

Date/Time Created : 17/01/2001 14:37  
Created By : SURRY HILLS - CONNON, SHERIDAN ANN

Vic - 050770 AF  
Poi1 - NFD UR3  
Poi2 - Father Dennis MCALINDEN  
Perth  
NFD

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ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF  
~~14 June~~ Mark John Walker  
SIGNED THIS DAY OF  
June 2013

Victim alleges when between four and seven years old Poi1 indecently assaulted her. Between the ages of seven and twelve victim alleges poi2 indecently assaulted her. Poi1 was a neighbour, living in the house behind her house. The victim has provided a location of:

This suburb does not exist and cannot be put as a location. The assault involved fondling and touching. Poi2 was a priest and a friend of the victims mother. The assault took place at more than one location but the victim can only recall her home address of  
Victim believes

Poi2 to be living in Perth.

The victim has begun counselling this week and has vague and little recollection of the incidents. Only wished a report at this stage will advise police if she wishes to make a formal complaint.

As I am unable to add a location for the first incident an entry is unable to be created for the incident.

Date/Time Created : 10/07/2001 12:10  
Created By : ROSE BAY - INGRAM, BERNADETTE J

In June 2001, the victim AF attended Paddington Police Station where she advised police she wished to make a report of the previous alleged historical sexual assaults. She advised that she had attended Surry Hills to report the matter however, she was of the opinion that no report had been made because she did not make a statement. Enquiries revealed a report had in fact been made by Surry Hills detectives. The victim was advised of this fact.

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Spg Dog Unit

Case Narr : McALINDEN died on the 30th of November 2005. He additionally spoke to June SPARGO of medical records at St John of God Hospital who confirmed that the priest had in fact died at their facility on the 30th of November 2005. Detective WATTERS indicated that he had made a decision not to extradite the POI to NSW in the month before his death due to his terminal illness. The victim was told of this & had not objection to this in the circumstances. Application will be made to have the warrant withdrawn.

C 7532960

~~2/11/2005~~  
FOX

Case Narr : After inquiries this date by Joanne MCCARTHY of the Herald Newspaper who contacted this office inquiring regarding POI. (Ph) Asked if POI was wanted as she was doing articles on paedophile priests. Police have indicated that they cannot provide that information. On viewing the POI he has an outstanding warrant sworn by Det WATTERS. WATTERS contacted & indicated he had not withdrawn the matter but intended to. He by advised by myself the POI was suffering terminal cancer in 2005 & confirmed this via WA police. He also spoke to the victim & informed her of this & she confirmed she did not wish to pursue the matter.

C 7532960

26/9/2007  
FOX

Case Narr : Information from Helen KEEVENS is that the priest sought in this matter is suffering from cancer - possible terminal. He can now be found at St John of God Villa, McCourt Street, Subiaco Western Australia.

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28/10/2005  
FOX

KEEVENS can be contacted on 49 791156 or at the Catholic Church child abuse unit

Case Narr : OFFENDER: Father Denis McALINDEN (76 old)  
VICTIM: AE (57 old)

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25/11  
8/10/1999  
WATTERS

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Case Title : AE SEXUAL OFFENCE - OFF Case Status : TRANSFER  
Case Type : SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER  
OIC : Not Allocated  
Follow Up Freq. : 28 DAYS  
Security Level : PROTECTED  
Source Reports : E 8026529 - SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER  
Party : AE SEXUAL OFFENCE - OTHER  
UR6 - VICTIM  
- WITNESS  
MCALINDEN, DENIS - PERSON OF INTEREST

Case Narr : This date spoke to BD who stated that his C 7532960 wife had originally taken her allegation to Bishop Leo CLARK when he was the Maitland Bishop (Which would have been prior to late 1995) but for unknown reasons he had never referred her to police, but did refer her to counselling with Sister Evelyn WOODWARD at Newcastle. BD indicated that they knew of other victims of Denis McALINDEN and mentioned a family friend UR6 but declined to give her surname unless she wished to report the matters to police. He also wished to pass on that his wife had also spoken to other clergy at the time but none did anything regarding her allegations other than counselling.

BD stated he would be prepared to assist if police wished to inquire further regarding this aspect as the whole matter had caused considerable trauma and stress to his wife until she died in 2007. He did indicate that she appreciated being notified that McALINDEN had died before her own death.

Case Narr : Spoke to the victim's husband: BD. & advised C 7532960 him that the POI was now deceased. He indicated that his wife is now nearly deaf & suffers from Huntington Disease. He was pleased to hear the POI was dead & they had not been previously advised of this. Indicated that he would tell his wife that McALINDEN was dead as it would be some form of closure to her. Indicated that any mention of this matter still upset her as they had felt betrayed by the church & Bishop MALONE over the years for not doing something about McALINDEN earlier as they had now become aware of other persons close to them that had also been victim's of this priest. Declined to disclose who they were. Case now considered closed.

Case Narr : Police spoke to Sergeant Peter GILMORE of Subiaco C 7532960 Police, Western Australia. He confirmed that according to their records that Priest Denis

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- Case Narr : McALINDEN died on the 30th of November 2005. He additionally spoke to June SPARGO of medical records at St John of God Hospital who confirmed that the priest had in fact died at their facility on the 30th of November 2005. Detective WATTERS indicated that he had made a decision not to extradite the POI to NSW in the month before his death due to his terminal illness. The victim was told of this & had not objection to this in the circumstances. Application will be made to have the warrant withdrawn. C 7532960
- Case Narr : After inquiries this date by Joanne McCARTHY of the Herald Newspaper who contacted this office inquiring regarding POI. (Ph Asked if POI was wanted as she was doing articles on paedophile priests. Police have indicated that they cannot provide that information. On viewing the POI he has an outstanding warrant sworn by Det WATTERS. WATTERS contacted & indicated he had not withdrawn the matter but intended to. He by advised by myself the POI was suffering terminal cancer in 2005 & confirmed this via WA police. He also spoke to the victim & informed her of this & she confirmed she did not wish to pursue the matter. C 7532960
- Case Narr : Information from Helen KEEVERS is that the priest sought in this matter is suffering from Cancer - possible terminal. He can now be found at St John of God Villa, McCourt Street, Subiaco Western Australia. E 8026529  
KEEVERS can be contacted on 49 791156 or at the Catholic Churt child abuse unit
- Case Narr : OFFENDER: Father Denis McALINDEN (76 old) E 8026529  
VICTIM: AE (57 old)

The victim was a member of the St Brigid's Catholic Church at Raymond Terrace in 1953. Attached to the Church there was also a Primary School. In 1953, when the victim was 11 years old, the assistant priest of the parish, the offender Father Denis McALINDEN befriended the girl and two of her friends. He would take the girls for drives while on his parish rounds. He dropped off the other two girls and then took the victim to a secluded area of Richardson Road Raymond Terrace where he had vaginal/penile intercourse with the girl. This happened on a total of four occasions until the girl stopped getting into the Priest's car. On two other occasions, at activity events in the church hall, the priest took the girl into the servery area of the hall and had her masturbate him until ejaculation. The Catholic Church at Newcastle have been spoken

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