

Father Bernard Frize, the Administrator of the Cathedral Parish in Armidale, has advised that the REDACTED of John Farrell has made an allegation that John has sexually assaulted her. REDACTED  
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Bernard Frize reports that the mother of the alleged victim came to him for advice and assistance. He advised of the right of the alleged victim to take the matter to the police and gave encouragement to do so.

A complaint was subsequently taken to the police and it is understood that John Farrell has been charged in regard to the matter.

The precise details of the alleged offence, when it is alleged to have taken place etc are unknown. The exact charge that has been placed against John is also unknown. Because the alleged victim is under 18 years of age, the whole matter remains with an embargo on any publicity.

It is understood that the matter is to be resolved by a judicial hearing sometime in August 1998.

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