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Ms Jennifer Cook
Level 16, 133 Liverpool Street
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Dear Jennifer,

Re: PSO INTELLIGENCE & Fr John Farrell

CPA – Born 1969
REDACTED – Born 1971

Telephone call from CPB (telephone REDACTED) the REDACTED
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CPB rang to inform the Church that there were two further victims of John Farrell namely, REDACTED identified above.

She stated that they do not know of her call to the PSO but she will inform them as I offered to do all I could to assist them.

I also made a similar offer to CPB who presented as a most reasonable woman. She did not at this time articulate a need for any particular assistance but I believe she deeply appreciated the offer to herself and to REDACTED.

Her story in brief is as follows:

- When REDACTED were young REDACTED resided in Moree (they all now reside in Sydney).
- CPA & REDACTED were altar boys to Fr John Farrell.
- The boys have previously reported that they were sexually abused by Farrell sometime between 1980 and 1981.
- She stated CPA suffered one count of oral type sexual abuse and he was raped the next day by Farrell. This occurred in the Moree Church.
- She said REDACTED was raped by Farrell in the Moree Church.

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- She stated in his younger years CPA "went wild", and REDAC abused dr... alcohol. I believe, both men have over recent years led more settled lives but the recent publicity about Farrell has significantly stirred up emotions.
- She stated that presently CPA knows about REDAC's history, but REDAC does not know about REDACTED. I believe the REDACTED from each other.
- CPB stated that sometime between 1999 and 2001 she informed somebody (a priest) of the Archdiocese of Sydney of the allegations disclosed to her by REDACTED.

She said words to the effect that the person she spoke to seemed to be aware that Farrell had 'form'.

During our discussion CPB stated that she had wondered whether it was Fr Lucas she had spoken to, and as I heard it she had contacted Fr Lucas ((I think earlier today) and he had responded to the effect that it would not have been Fr Lucas because he was responsible for "Media". Also Fr John Doherty's name had come up as the possible person CPB had spoken to, I gather out of the conversation with Fr Lucas. CPB stated that Fr Doherty's name "does not ring a bell".

CPB stated that CPA will be interviewed (with his identity protected) by Ray Hadley on 2GB tomorrow.

- Presently neither victim intends to make a formal statement to the Police.

NB: 1. I confirmed with CPB that the PSO will report the allegations concerning REDACTED to the Police without disclosing their identity.

2. I confirmed with CPB that I would bring to the notice of the relevant Church Authorities the information disclosed today.

3. It was understood that the PSO would assist to arrange an appropriate pastoral response to CPA, REDAC and or CPB if requested.

CPB appeared to be more than satisfied with this response.

Please note that Armidale Diocese will need to be appraised of this information.

Best regards,

Michael Salmon
Director of Professional Standards