

MEMO to Archbishop Aspinall
cc. Jacquie Kearney, Robert Cunningham, Bernard Yorke

RE: Gregory Robert KNIGHT, former staff-member at St Paul's School

1. I learnt on 29 August that Task Force Argos had approached Margaret Goddard regarding KNIGHT's employment at St Paul's. I subsequently had an interview with Archbishop Aspinall on 4 September regarding this issue, and learnt that a complaint of abuse had been made by two brothers BSG and BSH
2. A copy of some notes which I subsequently made and provided to the Archbishop is attached as "Document A".
3. Detective Senior Constable Rachael Gray from Task Force Argos made an appointment to see me on 26 September. She confirmed the details of the matter, and I provided her with essentially the same information as I had given to the Archbishop.
4. The following day I briefed Jacquie Kearney about the conversation with Rachael. She indicated she would approach the police to get a copy of KNIGHT's file, as none had been made at St Paul's before the police took it.
5. The Lynch experience would indicate that there could well be more than two complainants seeking redress by the time the matter is settled. See further below.
6. Given the information which we have, and the experience of ACGS and other schools dealing with claims, I wonder whether some specific letters should go to all students enrolled at St Paul's during the period KNIGHT was employed, and also whether approaches can be made to the two known complainants in order to begin a process with a view to averting civil actions. Timing would be critical here, given the police request that KNIGHT not be alerted in any way to the investigation. See further below.
7. There is an issue here of managing the subsequent publicity, which will probably be unavoidable. I understand St Paul's has briefed a media consultant (Ms Peach?), but have no idea of the line being taken or of whether the School's approach is integrated with any Diocesan strategy.
8. I made the following notes after my conversation with Rachael Gray:
 - a. Rachael asked me to prepare a statement regarding KNIGHT's employment. She wanted to receive this by 14 October, as she was going on leave a fortnight later, and wished to move things along reasonably quickly.
 - b. (On 7 October Rachael e-mailed to me an outline of what she would like included in the statement. This is attached as "Document B".)
 - c. BSG was the principal complainant. He was very angry towards the School. His brother BSH was not so vehement. She believed BSG would pursue a civil action once KNIGHT had faced the criminal charge, and that BSG had already approached Shine Roche McGowan to represent him.
 - d. BSG had first told his mother about the alleged abuse in about March this year. (His father left the family, I believe, shortly after he was born - not sure about that.) She had had no previous idea. BSI was doing supply teaching at St Paul's during my last couple of years there and Rachael believes that she is still teaching there occasionally.

- e. BSG is currently a "successful" REDAC in NSW (Newcastle?); BSH is completing a postgraduate REDACTED degree and intends to return to the workforce next year when he has finished it.
- f. Rachael has interviewed a number of witnesses to BSG allegations, and believes that it was widely known amongst students that KNIGHT was engaging in such activities. BSG statement of complaint runs to some 40+ pages. She had a copy with her, but did not show it to me. She commented that in his activities he seemed "to have a thing about condoms".
- g. It certainly would not be impossible that other complainants will come forward, in respect to both the civil and criminal proceedings.
- h. Rachael outlined the procedure she was going through to get KNIGHT extradited to Queensland while he was still on parole in South Australia. As his parole expires in ?March next year, she wants to finalise the matter if possible this year.
- i. She confirmed what I had been told, that this parole follows a gaol term following conviction on similar charges in the Northern Territory.
- j. Rachael produced KNIGHT's employment file, which she had obtained from St Paul's. She allowed me to leaf through it, and I made some notes of some dates to assist me in preparing the requested statement.
- k. She advised that KNIGHT's abuse of the elder REDACT had commenced within a few weeks of them both starting at St Paul's at the beginning of 1981, and continued until KNIGHT left the School towards the end of 1984, when BSG was in Year REDA
- l. It had mainly(?) occurred away from the School, and KNIGHT had infiltrated himself into the REDACT family. However, there had been occasions when abuse occurred at the School and/or on camps, and she also mentioned one fund-raising "musicathon" which was conducted at the School to raise money for a music tour.
- m. She identified some music practice rooms in the Music Department where some of the abuse is alleged to have occurred. These rooms had been created by internal modifications of the Krebs Building, which housed the Music Department.
- n. REDACTED
- o. Rachael asked about whether the incident leading to KNIGHT's dismissal had been reported to the police. It had not. She pointed out that exposing oneself to a minor was an offence. I had not been aware of that.
- p. Rachael stressed that the police had no interest in the matter receiving publicity. Indeed it was important that KNIGHT not discover her investigations until the extradition procedures could be put in place. She believed, however, that, unlike Lynch, it was improbable that he would suicide.
- q. She referred to her arrest of ACGS teacher REDAC which had been carried out by arrangement with his lawyers. She did not know how the media could have found out about this, and been present in numbers when he was taken from the police station to the watchhouse to be charged.
- r. I asked her about the details which the media could publish. She replied that no details likely to identify victims could be published if the charge was rape, but a charge of sodomy would not be protected from publication. I did not pursue the issue with her, but her comments here seemed at variance with what had happened in some other cases.

- s. She did point out that although [REDACTED] had not been named in the media, he was readily identifiable from the details about his position at ACGS, and his dates of service, which details were published.
 - t. She added some comments about political interference in another recently publicised case involving someone who had a past connection with St Paul's. I was surprised that she freely made these remarks, even in a private conversation.
 - u. She referred to the unsavoury aspects of her job, which included engaging possible paedophiles in internet chat rooms, and referred to the concern she felt at the way some parents allowed their small girls to dress in public when there were such "sickos" around.
 - v. Rachael also gave me some information to pass on to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whom she had been unable to contact as they were both away from Brisbane, in relation to one of the ACGS matters coming to trial.
9. There may have been other parts to our hour-long conversation, but the above represents my memory of it at the moment.
10. Following Rachael's visit I did a web search for "Greg Knight" and found two sources. <http://gregknight.mx.com.au> contains a five-page list of his compositions and arrangements. The commentary says, "Greg Knight composes and publishes music for all purposes.... [He] is also a conductor, and educational consultant." It gives his address as [REDACTED]
11. At <http://www.amcoz.com.au/comp/k/gknight.htm> there is a biography (current to August 1998), which as far as I can tell is accurate if very selective. Certain highlights of his time at St Paul's are mentioned, without the School being named. The final comment reads: "Unofficial History: ...wouldn't be wise to submit that until after my demise..."

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Encl.:
 Document A – Notes already provided to Archbishop Aspinall
 Document B – Rachael's outline of statement requested
 Document C – Draft Statement for Task Force Argos