

28th September, 1983.

Alleged Sexual Abuse

KNIGHT, Leonie Patricia - Born RE .68

(home): REDACTED

(formerly): C/- Bethcar Children's Home, Brewarrina.

22.9.83: Case discussed with Detective Sargent Vaughan Reid of Bourke.  
As yet no formal complaint has been lodged with Police - he undertook to act immediately should the family approach him.

23.9.83: Home visit - Mr REDACTED (father) seen. Mr REDAC is aware of the allegations. During our lengthy discussion, in which he was reassured of Police interest in the light of Det. Sgt. Reid's advice, he agreed to speak to his wife, and daughters REDAC and REDAC. (REDA made the first approach to me, relaying what REDACT had stated in a letter re what she had been informed by Leonie during the Christmas Holidays).

Arrangements were made for the family to attend the District Office on Tuesday 27.9.83 for a general discussion about the case and, if all agreed, for Det. Sgt Reid to then be seen. (Tuesday being his next available day on duty). Mr REDA agreed to ask REDA to attempt to find the letter from REDACT and bring same to the office at 10 - 11a.m. Tuesday.

26.9.83: Mrs Lyons, Community Worker informed me that she saw REDACT this morning; REDACT advised that the family did not wish to pursue the matter further. Nevertheless I shall await the attendance of the family on 27.9.83 as arranged with Mr REDAC.

27.9.83: Mrs REDAC at office. The family members did not present in the morning as arranged.

Mrs REDAC was asked whether she wished to pursue the allegation; she replied in the negative. REDACTE had not discussed my conversation of 23.9.83 with his wife. Mrs REDA stated that, as there had been no indication of direct interference with Leonie; and the lass had never confided in her as to the allegations, she could see no reason to pursue the matter. This lack of desire was also relayed to Mrs Lyons by REDACTED on 26.9.83.

Mrs REDAC further stated that she saw no reason to create problems for Mrs Gordon, whom she described as being in ill health, by making allegations which could prove time-consuming to pursue. She stated that, the apparent non-interference of a direct sexual nature had helped her arrive at such a conclusion.

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In view of 1) Mrs REDAC's statements,  
 2) REDACTED's statements to Mrs Lyons (bearing in mind REDAC's role as a prime informant, and the non-attendance of the family on 27.9.83, I can only conclude that further involvement of the Police would prove fruitless.

Referred for your information, referral to Mr C. Wilson, A/Regional Director, and further action as per memo from R/OM West (Mr B. Simpson) on 21.9.83.

*I. Robinson*

I. Robinson,  
Resident District Officer.  
 Bourke.

R.D.C. Brewarrina.

Other information is contained on the Bethcar file at Brewarrina office. R/OM(d) & R.D.C. Brewarrina attempted to interview Leonie, to no avail. Due to the nature of the allegations & Leonie's age, it was agreed she stay with her parents. Regular contact with them indicates satisfactory behaviour, although Leonie leads a rather aimless life.

No further follow up is envisaged. File will be maintained current until Leonie's 16th birthday.

*I. Robinson*  
 19/12/83