

NOTES RE FATHER VINCENT GERARD RYAN.

POLICE: MOONEY, GRANT & ANSON.

Following 8am briefing on Wednesday the 11/10/95, Detective Senior Sergeant MOONEY, Detectives GRANT and ANSON travel to Taree - speak to Detective Sergeant GEORGE. Contact Detective Superintendent URE at Newcastle. Detective Senior Sergeant MOONEY and Detective GRANT speak to Chief Inspector Roger HARDY (Relieving Patrol Commander).

11.30am - 11/10/95 - attend presbytery and front door answered by male person, identified as Tony FROST - Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 79 Albert Street, Taree. Speak to Father RYAN - Introduction and brief outline of allegation - CAUTION.

Father RYAN dressed in open neck white shirt, black trousers, wearing glasses. When first spoken to Father RYAN was wearing a gold cross on the left hand side of his shirt. Father RYAN leaves the lounge room and goes to toilet and then upstairs out of sight. Returns to the lounge room (minus gold cross). Leave church and walk to Taree Police Station.

Father RYAN accompanies Detectives MOONEY, GRANT and ANSON to the Taree Detective's Office. Allegations and further caution. Father RYAN requests that contact be made with Father Brian LUCAS on either REDACTED or St. Mary's Cathedral on REDACTED. Produces a piece of paper with these two numbers written out - mentions that Bishop CLARKE had informed a Priest yesterday who in turn personally relayed the message to him. (Father RYAN).

11.45am.... Detective Senior Sergeant MOONEY attempts to speak to Father Brian LUCAS - message left, Father LUCAS not available.

11.47am.... Father LUCAS rings Taree Detectives Office and speaks to Detective Senior Sergeant MOONEY - Message conveyed to the effect that allegations were some years old, however substantial and corroborative of each other - Sufficient material exists to prefer criminal charges - Father LUCAS states inter alia, 'I advise the Bishops throughout Australia what their role is in matters similar to this - Father RYAN perhaps should seek independent legal advice - that is not appropriate for me to do that.'

11.55am.... Detective MOONEY leaves the room and Father RYAN has a conversation with Father LUCAS.

12.10pm.... Father RYAN provided with local phone book and requests that phone call be made to Tim STACK on phone No. 521544. Detective Senior Sergeant MOONEY speaks to female person named Carmel - Tim STACK not available. Informed that a solicitor named Judith WALDOCK would call to the Police Station and speak to Father RYAN.

12.20pm.... Detective Senior Sergeant MOONEY receives a phone call from Father Bill BURSTON of Newcastle - He identifies himself as a Priest and also a Psychologist. Advised that Father RYAN will obviously need support and Father BURSTON stated he would leave Newcastle immediately and travel to Taree. (Mooney - 'He will need some support, you may well provide that support.')

12.30pm.... Solicitor Judith WALDOCK of 'STACKS THE LAW FIRM' calls at the Police Station - spoken to in general terms and provided with copies of statements made by complainants McDONALD and HALLETT.

1.10pm.... Solicitor WALDOCK leaves Detective Sergeant's Office and states, 'I have given him certain advice, I don't think it is necessary for me to remain.' Further conversation about bail and other matters and Ms. WALDOCK leaves the Police Station.

1.15pm.... E.R.I.S.P. interviews commenced - Detective GRANT and ANSON.

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DETAILS OF SOLICITOR.. Ms. Judith WALDOCK of
'STACKS THE LAW FIRM.' - REDACTED Taree,
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