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Subject: FW: Further update - AAFC UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF MEMBER [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

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Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2013 12:52
To: Courtney, Barbara GPCAPT
Cc: Hanrahan, Jo MS; Topp, Daryll WGCDR
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Barbara

OC 3 WG has advised that the matter has been lodged with NSW Police this morning. OC 3 WG understands the matter may take some time to be progressed because the incident has been reported at Auburn Police Station, but occurred at Wagga, and involves witnesses in many other police districts.

The AAFC staff member who is providing support to the cadets and staff member is expected to contact the male staff member later today. After that contact by support staff, the male staff member will be advised by OC 3 WG that the matter has been passed to the NSW Police.

Dennis

From: Green, Dennis AIRCDRE 1
Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2013 07:49
To: Courtney, Barbara GPCAPT
Cc: Hanrahan, Jo MS; Topp, Daryll WGCDR
Subject: RE: req for update - AAFC UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF MEMBER [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

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Barbara

As per my telecons last night I provide the following update:

The parents of both female cadets are aware of the allegations.

Support for both female cadets is being provided by a female AAFC officer who is a qualified psychologist with a specialisation in suicide prevention. This same officer is providing support to the AAFC staff member.

One of the female cadets is receiving strong support from family and is currently not considered at risk.

There is concern about the other female cadet who lives in a country area after AAFC staff talked with her last evening. The parent was out, and the cadet needed support. Additional assistance from the AAFC psychologist was being sought.

The AAFC staff member was advised on the weekend by his AAFC CO that he was suspended from all AAFC activities until the matter is resolved.

The AAFC staff member involved has stated that the alleged incidents did not happen.

The AAFC OC 3 Wing, an ex senior NSW police officer, is completing the paperwork on the matter today, and will then submit the matter to NSW police for their consideration and action.

As the female cadets were over age 16, to launch a prosecution, the NSW police will have to consider that the staff member had an inappropriate relationship with 17 year olds who were under his care and receiving instruction (analogous to a relationship between a teacher and student).

The two female cadets were acting as cadet staff members on the promotion camps. From the view of OC 3 Wing, CDR AAFC and DGCADETS-AF, we are emphatic that the two female cadets while being staff members on the promotion courses, are under the care and receiving instruction from the AAFC staff who are Officers of Cadets and Instructor of Cadets until they finish their time as cadets. The male AAFC staff member, an Instructor of Cadets, had duties included which the care and giving of instruction to all cadets on the promotion courses and all cadet staff members.

I am advised the offence carries a four gaol penalty in NSW.

The AAFC male staff member is a RAAF member. His T/CO was informed of the matter late yesterday afternoon by CB-AF staff with the proviso that the T/CO should not engage the member about the matter at this time.

DGPERS-AF was also informed about the matter late yesterday afternoon by DGCADETS-AF.

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From: Courtney, Barbara GPCAPT
Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2013 07:05
To: Green, Dennis AIRCDRE 1
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Hi Sir,
we are preparing a MINSUB this morning for the cadet matter and would appreciate an update when available please.
thanks,

Barbara Courtney
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Director of Coordination - Air Force

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