

From: Delahunty, Terry AIRCDRE 1
Sent: 30 Mar 2016 14:35:27 +1100
To: Sexton, Philip WGCDR
Subject: FW: Investigation - FLTLT (AAFC) Todd Oakley [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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From: John Devereux [mailto:REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 2 May 2014 15:04
To: ken.given REDACTED Delahunty, Terry AIRCDRE 1
Subject: RE: Investigation - FLTLT (AAFC) Todd Oakley

Sirs,

A little by way of background information, lest you consider I had gone mad.

An attempt was made on Wednesday afternoon to report the allegations in the above matter to the Queensland Police Service.

My local "police beat" at Milton being closed, I travelled to Indooroopilly Police Station and tried to lodge the paperwork.

This occurred at approximately 1600.

The Officer on duty was not keen to accept a report from me. He wanted me to speak to Officers from the Child Abuse Team - none of whom were then present. He was unable to advise when or if they would be back that day, but provided me with contact details for the police station so that I could call and make a time to see them.

Concerned as to the need to promptly report the matter, I went home, prepared a brief (extracted from the Hot issues Brief), attached a cover sheet, the complainants name and details and faxed all to the fax number for Indooroopilly Police Station, together with my own contact details and an offer to meet and discuss.

I also requested confirmation of receipt of the report so that I might advise the National Commander the matter had been referred to CIVPOL.

As at the time Mike Crome's request for legal advice came in, I was unable to confirm that the Qld Police had received the fax, yet alone actioned it.

I was, therefore, unable to positively advise the matter had been referred to CIVPOL.

This means, of course, that the investigation I set up remained on foot.

This morning I called Indooroopilly Police Station. The Child Abuse Officers were not in, but a very helpful man at the Station took the time to investigate what had become of the fax. He was able to confirm receipt, and that the fax was in the in tray

of an Officer called Frank Jeffries from the Suspected Child Abuse Team who was due in the office at 1400 and would call me.

I have not heard further, but am hopeful of a phone call.

Three matters are of note:

1. It is possible that the Qld Police decide not to investigate the matter, or, having investigated it, to take no action. We will need to consider our options if and when that happens.

If, of course, they do investigate and or do then take actions, our investigation remains suspended.

2. We need to give some thought to formally promulgating our policy on the interaction with outside agencies.

Is it - once the matter has been referred to an outside agency that we stop?

Or once the outside agency commences an investigation, that we stop?

Either way, we should clearly outline our policy (the Interim POLMAN and MOM are silent on the issue). There may, of course, have been reference somewhere in an RI at some point).

3. The Chapter on Child Protection in the Manual of Management is listed as "Drafting Not yet Commenced".

The Chapter on the same topic in the Interim POLMAN appears woefully out of date and refers to documents due to be created which I was unable to find.

Might I respectfully suggest, given the current climate of understandable concern wrt institutional child abuse, that the child protection chapter needs a jolly good nudge along?

I'm am sorry to sound so negative. I am keen to do the right thing and am most concerned for the reputation of the organisation, as well as the rights of the complainant and respondent.

For your consideration.

Kind regards

JD

I am yet to receive a call, but am hopeful one will be forthcoming.

From: ken.given@REDACTED
To: ja_devereux@REDACTED
Subject: RE: Investigation - FLTLT (AAFC) Todd Oakley
Date: Fri, 2 May 2014 07:27:35 +1000

John,

If this matter has been passed to the QLD police which I understood you planned to do, why are we in the AAFC investigating it?

Should we not be in waiting mode until we hear from the police?

Ken

From: John Devereux [mailto:ja_devereux@REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 1 May 2014 8:45 PM
To: Mike & Natasha Crome; ken.given@aafc.org.au
Subject: RE: Investigation - FLTLT (AAFC) Todd Oakley

Sir,

I refer to the investigation into allegations made in respect of FLTLT (AAFC) Oakley.

As you know, I have appointed FLTLT(AAFC) Mike Crome to undertake an investigation.

Mike has requested advice on a legal matter arising out the conduct of the investigation.

Given that I am the appointing officer, I do not think it appropriate that I provide the advice since I need to stay removed from the process.

I have extracted a part of Mike's e-mail below which raises a legal question.

May I ask you, please, to refer Mike's question to the AAFC Legal Advisor (SQNLDR John Tarrant) or to DL for advice?

You may wish to arrange for the advice to be sent directly to the Investigating Officer.

Mike's e-mail address is REDACTED

Kind regards

John

From: [mcsr1@REDACTED](#)
Subject: Re: Investigation - FLTLT (AAFC) Todd Oakley
Date: Thu, 1 May 2014 20:19:27 +1000
To: [ja_devereux@REDACTED](#)

....He has specifically asked for the name of the complainant. I feel at this stage that it may be inappropriate to release the name, and would like to seek formal advice as to whether I can release the complainant's name to FLTLT(AAFC) Oakley.

Who can I escalate this to to seek such legal advice?

Regards

Mike

M.D. Crome
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Flight Commander
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On 30 Apr 2014, at 11:25 am, John Devereux <[ja_devereux@REDACTED](#)> wrote:

Dear Mike,

Thank you again for last night agreeing to investigate a complaint made concerning Todd Oakley.

Later today I will send you a copy of notes of the allegations made.

You will need to then contact FLTLT (AAFC) Oakley as well the complainant.

Most grateful for your help.

All the best
John

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