

RC 260801

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE

RUNNING SHEET INFORMATION

Case: Cori Investigation No: 8

Subject:

Bexley Boys Home. Statement of retraction obtained from GF concerning allegations of sexual assault involving persons connected to the Bexley Boys Home.

Narrative:

On Tuesday 7.7.98 Detective Cunningham spoke to GF by telephone. During that conversation GF alleged he was sexually assaulted by adult workers when he was a child staying at the Bexley Boys Home.

On Wednesday 15.7.98 Detective Cunningham again spoke to GF, on this occasion the meeting occurred at GF's home. GF alleged he had been sexually assaulted by an officer whom he thought was Captain X15. He recalled the name X15 mainly because it reminded him of Codral flu tablets. A statement was not taken from GF at that time due to his work commitments.

On the 27.6.98 GF was interviewed at his home by Detective Cunningham concerning his allegations of sexual assault. A statement was commenced but not completed due to GF's work commitments (GF works nightshift and as such is only available for interview between 1pm and 3pm daily and during mornings on some Mondays). During this interview GF alleged he was sexually assaulted by an adult officer at the Home but could not recall who that officer was. GF claimed a photograph was taken of himself and the officer who sexually assaulted him as part of an advertising campaign for volunteer foster care parents. GF did not have a copy of the photograph but claimed it was published in a local paper at the time (1974).

Inquiries made by Detective Cunningham found that the only local paper for the Bexley area in 1974 was the St George-Sutherland Leader. A search of all copies on hand at the State Library of New South Wales did not reveal the photograph which Craven referred to.

GF was to be further interviewed in relation to his allegations of sexual assault, however on each occasion he was contacted by Detective Cunningham GF was non-committal and could not agree to an appointment time. GF agreed to make contact when he was available.

Having not heard from GF for some time, Detective Cunningham had a further telephone conversation with GF to organise the completion of his (GF's) statement. GF stated he did not wish to proceed with the allegations of child sexual assault, which he had made. He stated that it was too stressful to relive the events of his past and was also concerned about his children finding out.

On Tuesday 25.8.98 a retraction statement was obtained from GF .
A copy of that statement is attached to this running sheet, the original is with Detective Cunningham's papers at this time. It was made clear to GF that he could pursue his allegations at any time in the future. To do this he was advised to contact Detective Cunningham or his local Police.

RECOMMENDATION

That the contents of this running sheet be noted.

That no further action be taken in relation to GF 's allegation of child sexual assault at this time as he has requested.

D/Sgt Panich:

D/Supt Woodhouse:

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