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ISSUE:

Request for Information regarding Kathleen Monica BILES, by Victims Services.

BACKGROUND:

As per attached reports.

COMMENT:

In November 2000, I received a number of complaints regarding Colin Frederick GIBSON and Bert Alfred GORDON. The complaints revolved around both men's role at the 'Bethcar' facility for children at Brewarrina in the 1970's and 1980's. During this period both men worked at the facility as carer's, with GORDON been the principal carer at the facility. It is alleged that GIBSON sexually assaulted (13) different children during this period. It is alleged that Bert GORDON sexually assaulted (3) woman during this period. Kate BIULES was one of the people that complained of being sexually assaulted by GORDON.

GIBSON was charged with regards to sexually assaulting (5) woman. These charges represented the strongest evidence with regards to GIBSON.

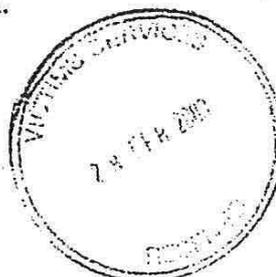
GIBSON was convicted on numerous sexual assault charges in the Dubbo District Court in November 2007. He is currently serving a term of imprisonment with a non parole period of 13 years.

In consultation with the Director of Public Prosecutions a decision was made not to charge Bert GORDON. This decision was based on a lack of corroboration, and the fact that GORDON was an old man in poor health. It was generally considered unlikely that GORDON would live to see these matters progress to trial. GORDON passed away in 2006.

It is my view that Kathleen BILES complaints are legitimate. There should not be a negative inference taken from the fact that Police were unable to prosecute in her specific case.

Kathleen BILES presented as a person of excellent character and integrity. Further to this she showed a great deal of courage to travel from her home in North Queensland and give evidence in a tendency/witness capacity at the trials of Collin GIBSON in Dubbo.

Attached is a copy of BILES statement of complaint.



RECOMMENDATION:

Forwarded for Information.



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