

10th February 61.

Comptroller-General of Prisons.

SUBJECT: Report in case of prisoner QQ [REDACTED]

I have to report that, following information received, I questioned Female Warden OG [REDACTED] regarding statements made to her by female prisoner QR [REDACTED]

QR [REDACTED] is stated to have told OG [REDACTED] on 24.1.61 that QQ [REDACTED] had had a visit from Eric Johnston, Superintendent of the Girls' Industrial School, Parramatta. She said that she knew Johnston very well because she had been in Parramatta Home and had worked in his quarters. She then went on to tell OG [REDACTED] that Johnston had been having an affair with QQ [REDACTED] and that QQ [REDACTED] had had a child. Johnston was said to have been responsible for having QR [REDACTED] transferred from the Home to the State Reformatory and that Johnston had escorted her when she was taken to the Central Court. Before leaving Parramatta he had taken her into the office and asked her whether she intended to tell any tales or try to make any trouble for him. She says that she told him that she did not intend to carry tales and that she did not intend to take any further interest in him.

OG [REDACTED] reported that the man who visited QQ [REDACTED] on 24.1.61 and who stated that he was E.G. Johnston, 31 O'Connell Street, Parramatta, had left two suitcases for QQ [REDACTED]. These contained a quantity of clothing, letters, cards &c. and that when sorting them out she found the attached snapshot. She showed this to the Gatekeeper, Mr. Leavey, who said that it resembled the man but he could not be sure from the photograph. He could positively identify him on sight.

On 26.1.61 QQ [REDACTED] was admitted to bail and the surety has been identified by Assistant Superintendent Pearce as being the man in the photograph. He gave his name as Eric [REDACTED] of Mt. Keira Road, Wollongong, and is described as a tall man of swarthy complexion.

Superintendent.