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Case Report - C 47042625

Case Title : WOL 12/3019 - CIE Case Status : CURRENT
Case Type : SEXUAL OFFENCE - INDECENT
OIC : DET SARAH NORRIS
Follow Up Freq.: 28 DAYS
Security Level : IN-CONFIDENCE
Source Reports : E 91680202 - SEXUAL OFFENCE - INDECENT ASSAULT
CHILD/YOUNG PERSON AT RISK
OCCURRENCE ONLY

Party : COMBER, ROYCE COLIN - PERSON OF INTEREST
CIE - VICTIM
CIG - WITNESS
CIG - WITNESS

Case Narr : 17/4/2012 I met the POI, Royce COMBES at Nowra Police Station. He was in the company of his Solicitor, Mark DOUGLASS. C 47042625

Mr DOUGLASS informed me that the POI would not participate in an ERISP and would not answer any of my questions. They did however agree to hear what the allegations were.

The POI was informed of the allegations made by the s/c and the later information supplied by the s/c mother, CIE she had faxed through which she alleges the s/c disclosed to her.

The POI did not make any comments or answer any questions.

He was informed that the Wollongong JIRT DoCS have substantiated the assaults and have listed him on their system as a person causing harm to children and that he is listed as a suspect of indecent and sexual assault on children on COPS.

He was informed that I would suspend this case however he may hear from a JIRT DoCS Caseworker re this case.

Do to insufficient evidence this matter cannot proceed criminally. This was discussed with the parents of the s/c to which his mother, CIE understands however his father, CIG voiced his displeasure at the fact that due to his sons disability there was not justice. It was suggested to him that perhaps focusing on the fact that his son was now safe from future harm from the POI and that JIRT investigators believe the s/c and he is now able along with the parents able to get specialist sexual assault

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Case Narr : counselling.

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. Case suspended.

Case Narr : 3/4/2012 CPCW WARBURTON spoke to Speech

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Therapist, Katherine GORRIE from Gerringong. GORRIE was the s/c speech therapist for 9 years and states he was large part of her life. GORRIE states she is sure that the s/c is much brighter than people give him credit for and that he can't express himself which causes him much frustration hence behaviour such as the biting. GORRIE said that although she did not tell his mother, the s/c biting her was one of the reasons that she stopped seeing him. He was also behaving inappropriately towards her as well as other adolescents.

. GORRIE was familiar with the QWERTY board and stated she helped teach him how to use it. She said that his mother will move the QWERTY board to facilitate his communication but she has no doubt that what is being spelt is the s/c words and thoughts not his mothers. GORRIE said that the s/c is the most severely autistic child she has ever dealt with although his comprehension level is above average for his age.

. GORRIE stated the s/c does not have a physical disability as well and his gait and movements are the result of the severity of his Autism which impacts on all communication his brain receives even processing commands from his own limbs. This is called apaxic movements and can sometimes look like cerebral palsy. GORRIE said that although she has not seen the s/c for some time she has significant knowledge of his condition and background and she is happy to speak to a counsellor from Links House of other service to advise them on communicating with the s/c and engaging him. GORRIE is happy for her number to be passed onto what ever service will be working with him.

Case Narr : 5/4/2012 I contacted Janet BUNDY from Interchange (REDACTED), Ryan KIDDLE from Disability Trust (REDACTED) and informed them of the disclosures from the s/c in his interviews. Both informed that the POI will be suspended immediately from their services.

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. I also contacted Focus Disability (REDACTED) to speak to Cecile SULLIVAN however only a message was left with Cameron STEWART (a worker) for Cecile to call me back.

. 1.20pm Cecile SULLIVAN contacted me and I updated

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Case Narr : her on the outcome of the s/c interview. C 47042625

All companies will be notified re the outcome of the POI's interview on the 17/4/2012.

Case Narr : 5/4/2012 I contacted the POI, Royce COMBER on his mobile and informed him that allegations had been made against him by a male child he has had care of. He was informed that the allegations are of indecent assault by touching the s/c on the penis and making the child touch him. C 47042625

I also informed him that I had been in contact with Interchange, Disability Trust and Focas Disability. The POI supplied another employee's details being REDACTED REDACTED. I agreed to allow the POI to inform REDACTED when he returns her son, the client he had with him, REDACTED at 3pm and I would ring her after this.

Case Narr : 2/4/2012 CPCW WARUBRTON and I attended the home address of s/c, CIE. A 2nd interview was conducted using his QWERTY board and his computer. Again 2 video cameras were used, one on CIE while he was answering and the other on everyone in the room. C 47042625

CPCW WARBURTON had typed up some questions which were able to answered, 'yes' or 'no'. There were also questions that he needed to elaborate on this was done by using his QWERTY board during the first session of questions but then his computer for the second.

The s/c disclosed that Royce, his male carer from Interchange Disability Trust started touching him on his penis under his clothing from the age of 14 to his age now of 15. According to the s/c mother the POI has been in their lives for about 18 months.

The s/c stated that on an occasion (time unknown) the POI touched him on the penis while he was toileting himself and did it until the s/c got an erection.

When asked how many times this had happened the s/c informed, "many times" and when no one else was around.

Some of the s/c answers he typed were incomprehensible but most were to the questions.

At this stage JIRT DoCS are substantiating an indecent assault. The Victim is not a competent witness for criminal proceedings however the POI will be contacted and given the opportunity to

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Case Narr : take part in an ERISP. His employers will also be contacted. C 47042625

Case Narr : The s/c is Autistic and is completely non verbal. C 47042625
He is 15yo and attends [REDACTED] High in an IM class. According to his mother, CIE he is able to do Yr 9 mainstream curriculum. He communicates using a QWERTY board (carboard keyboard) by pointing to letters spelling out words or by typing on a computer.

CPCW WRBURTON and I attended the s/c home address in [REDACTED] where we commenced interviewing the s/c.

2 x video camera's were utilised, one specifically on CIE, the computer screen and keyboard while the other attempted to cover all persons speaking to the s/c in the lounge room.

The s/c mother had to assist in the interviewing process to encourage the s/c to type and to remind him to continue typing answers. It was obvious that the s/c understood everything said as he independantly typed answers without assistance in spelling the words.

It took about 1 hour for me to type 6 questions and for the s/c to type his responses.

Due to this lengthy process the s/c was tiring and became obvious he did not want to continue today.

It was decided between JIRT and the n/m that we would return on Monday 2 April to recommence the interview however trying a different strategy of having pre typed questions where he will be able to point to 'yes', 'no' type answers.

Case Narr : ACCEPT - SEXUAL. E 91680202

Accepted at JIRT Referral Unit on 21/03/2012 for Wollongong JIRT.

This matter relates to: CIE

DOB: [REDACTED]/1996

Allegations of aggravated indecent assault by Royce UNKNOWN approx 20yo

Case Narr : 27/3/2012 I contacted the n/m, CIE C 47042625
CIE to arrange an interview with her son, CIE

I was advised that due to CIE's disability he does not cope well being out of any routine or going to different places, eg: JIRT i/v suite.

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Case Narr : N/m advised that the s/c best communicates via computer rather than the Qwerty board and she prefers JIRT to go to them to see how best this interview can take place.

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It has been arranged that JIRT will attend with 2 x video cameras and what ever the s/c types can be saved onto flash drive.

Interview scheduled for Friday 30/3/2012 at 11.15am at their home address.

Case Narr : T/D: 3.30pm 20/03/2012

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CIE
VICTIM:

DOB. REDACTE/1996

REDACTED

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NOK: CIG

DOB. REDACTE/1953

Address as above

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POI: Royce COMBER

DOB. REDACTE/1988

REDACTED

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The child victim, CIE is fifteen years old and has been diagnosed with autism. He is currently enrolled in REDACTED High School in the Special Needs Unit. The victim has limited communication skills however, can communicate with his family using a qwerty. About once a week the victim has respite care which is arranged through Disability Trust, Nowra. The POI works for Disability Trust and has had contact with the victim for the past year. The Program arranges activities for children with disabilities.

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About 3.30pm on Tuesday 20/03/2012 the POI came to the victim's house. The POI and victim then went for a pushbike ride to Sanctuary Point. About 4.30pm they returned REDAC which was earlier than expected. The POI stated that during the ride the victim turned around to come home and the POI followed. REDACTED

REDACTED who he had met for the first time.

After the POI left the victim was upset. The victim's REDACTED questioned the victim who stated that he did not want Royce to come back REDACTED REDACTED. The victim's REDACTED questioned the victim using a qwerty (used to communicated with victim). The victim stated, "Royce touched my willy in the toilets." He said this happened many times. The victim stated he was scared to tell anyone because he thought it was his fault and he

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Case Narr : was physically aroused. He went on to say the POI E 91680202 has been bullying him to admit that he is homosexual. The victim told him he wasn't. The nok has contacted Disability Trust and notified them of the complaint. The nok has indicated that the victim will not have contact with them until the matter is investigated. Matter to be forwarded to JIRT.

Job Title/ Status	Job Type/ Completing Unit	Date Due/ Job Ref N
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Actions
 Action Title : CIE INTERVIEWED FOR THE 2ND TIME AT HIS
 Action Type : VICTIM ACTION
 Action Description : HOME ADDRESS R0226769
 Created By : DET SARAH NORRIS - JIRT WOLLONGONG
 Date/Time Created : 02/04/2012 16:40 COMPLETE
 Completed By : DET SARAH NORRIS - 02/04/2012 11:45

Action Title : INTERVIEW WITH S/C COMMENCED AT HIS HOME ADDRESS
 Action Type : VICTIM ACTION
 Action Description : WITH ASSISTANCE OF HIS MOTHER AND DESK TOP
 COMPUTER. DUE TO VERY SLOW PROCESS OF
 INTERVIEWING, DUE TO RETURN TO S/C HOME ADDRESS ON
 MONDAY 2/4/2012 TO RESUME INTERVIEW.
 Created By : DET SARAH NORRIS - JIRT WOLLONGONG
 Date/Time Created : 30/03/2012 16:41 COMPLETE
 Completed By : DET SARAH NORRIS - 30/03/2012 12:20

Action Title : ERROR IN LAST ACTION. INTERVIEW ON FRID 30/3/12.
 Action Type : VICTIM ACTION
 Created By : DET SARAH NORRIS - JIRT WOLLONGONG
 Date/Time Created : 27/03/2012 10:40 COMPLETE
 Completed By : DET SARAH NORRIS - 27/03/2012 10:40

Action Title : INTERVIEW SCHEDULED 11.15AM, FRID 29/3/12 AT HIS
 Action Type : VICTIM ACTION
 Action Description : HOME ADDRESS
 Created By : DET SARAH NORRIS - JIRT WOLLONGONG
 Date/Time Created : 27/03/2012 10:32 COMPLETE
 Completed By : DET SARAH NORRIS - 27/03/2012 10:00

Action Title : DISCLOSURE MADE BY CHILD.
 Action Type : DISSEMINATION
 Created By : DET CATHERINE BOYCE - HUSKISSON
 Date/Time Created : 22/03/2012 07:41 COMPLETE
 Completed By : DET CATHERINE BOYCE - 22/03/2012 07:41