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NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE, FIRE
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: OIC CIB PMC (B111)
FROM: OIC SEXUAL CRIMES UNIT

On Tuesday 12 September 2000 the reporting member met with DPP Prosecutor Jack KARCZEWSKI in relation to allegations against Donald Bruce HENDERSON (22/4/36).

A witness and co-offender in the matter, AJD can not be located and another possible victim AJF **REDACTED** at this time does not wish to go ahead with his complaint.

Arrangements were originally made to interview AJD at the Roebourne W.A. Prison but AJD was released before approval was granted. Subsequent attempts to locate him have proved fruitless.

The initial complainant, AJB, has been very patient with the investigation, the initial complaint being made in June 1998, and understandably AJB would like to see the matter resolved as soon as possible.

Upon speaking to KARCZEWSKI he advised that the matter would be a difficult matter to prosecute due to the age of the alleged offences, the time between when the offences occurred and when the complaint was made and the lack of corroboration.

I explained to KARCZEWSKI that the complaint was one of a sensitive nature due to AJB being a member of the "Stolen Generation", although AJB has displayed no intention to link the two together.

I also explained to KARCZEWSKI that I thought the complaint was one that needed to be pursued and asked whether the interview of the alleged offender would assist. KARCZEWSKI suggested that this would be appropriate and although HENDERSON had been interviewed previously on different occasions for similar offences and has not made admissions it has been found that older offenders can make admissions where previously they have denied them.

In view of the above the reporting member requests that a member travel to Queensland and interview HENDERSON.

HENDERSON's current address is REDACTED and his location at this address would be confirmed by Queensland Police prior to any departure by N.T. Police should this request be successful.

Costing of the trip would be: Airfare \$855.80, 1 day car hire \$107.90 plus accommodation and travel allowance, which would amount to approximately \$250, making a total of \$1213.70.

Submitted for you consideration.

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Roger NEWMAN
Det. Sgt. No. 1025.