

S.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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CASE RUNNING SHEET REPORT

Location CHEI Reference No. 02/0017 Title OPERATION CORMORANT

LAWYERS AND MAY BE SENT OUT TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT WEEK,
 THE LETTER MAY GENERATE SOME MEDIA COVERAGE.
 MEMBERS OF THE PARENTS ADVOCACY GROUP HAVE BEEN LIAISING WIT
 FATHER DAVID CAPPO ADVISES CATHOLIC EDUCATION INTEND TO SEND
 AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED ST
 ANN'S SPECIAL SCHOOL BETWEEN 1986 - 1991 INVITING THEM TO
 CONTACT THE CHURCH IF THEY SUSPECT THEIR CHILD MAY HAVE BEEN
 A VICTIM. THE LETTER IS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY THEIR
 LAWYERS AND MAY BE SENT OUT TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT WEEK,
 THE LETTER MAY GENERATE SOME MEDIA COVERAGE.
 MEMBERS OF THE PARENTS ADVOCACY GROUP HAVE BEEN LIAISING WIT
 THEA WILLIAMS, A JOURNALIST WITH "THE AUSTRALIAN".
 A MEDIA STRATEGY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ALONG WITH A DRAFT
 MINISTERIAL RESPONSE IN ANTICIPATION OF SOME LEVEL OF MEDIA
 COVERAGE.

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Relevant to MEDIA STRATEGY

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FATHER DAVID CAPPO ADVISES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH INTEND TO
 HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON TO BRIEF THE
 ADVERTISER, THE AUSTRALIAN AND THE MELBOURNE AGE.
 IT WOULD SEEM THE AUSTRALIAN INTEND TO PRINT THEIR STORY
 TOMORROW, AND THIS HAS PROMPTED THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO HOLD
 A PRESS CONFERENCE.
 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH INTEND TO SEND A LETTER TONIGHT BY
 REGISTERED MAIL TO THE CARERS/PARENTS OF ALL PAST AND PRESEN
 T
 STUDENTS OF ST ANN'S. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS LETTER & WILL
 FORWARD A COPY TO YOU. THEY INTIALLY INTENDED TO RELEASE
 THEIR STORY TO THE PRESS TOMORROW.
 NO DOUBT WE WILL BE ASKED TO COMMENT.
 RESPONSE
 THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE HAS CAUSED A TASK FORCE TO BE
 CREATED TO INVESTIGATE SERIOUS CRIMINAL ALLEGATIONS INVOLVIN
 OFFENCES OF A SEXUAL NATURE.
 THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN NAMED "OPERATION CORMORANT" AND
 WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY
 POLICE IN 1993 RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR OF A
 NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
 SOME OF THESE MATTERS ARE CURRENTLY BEFORE THE COURT AND NO
 COMMENT CAN BE MADE IN RELATION TO THE ALLEGATIONS.
 NO COMMENT CAN BE MADE IN RELATION TO ANY VICTIM OF ANY
 OFFENCE.
 THE REVIEW WILL INCLUDE ASSESSING THE NATURE AND QUALITY OF
 THE EVIDENCE, INTERVIEWING WITNESSES AND CONDUCTING FURTHER
 ENQUIRIES WHEREEVER THEY MADE BE NECESSARY.