

Anti-Corruption Branch – Confidential Document**A.C.B. Preliminary Enquiry Report**

Officer-in-Charge
ANTI CORRUPTION BRANCH

SUBJECT: Watkins C. – former police officer. Allegations of misconduct

REFERENCE: ACB 02/01/58

Introduction

Information received that police were investigating allegations of sexual abuse against students of St. Ann's Special School. Allegations this conduct occurred in 1986-1991.

Police subsequently charged Brian Perkins with offences relating to these allegations. He was arrested in 1993 but failed to appear. He was located in Queensland but extradition was not approved.

There is an allegation that police officers involved in this investigation were told not to pursue the investigation any further. It is alleged this information was provided by then Detective Chief Inspector Peter Simons at the behest of then Assistant Commissioner Watkins.

Concern is now expressed in relation to failure to extradite as well as the involvement of Watkins.

A task force external to ACB will assess the investigation, court and extradition process. ACB will investigate the alleged involvement of Watkins in the suspension of the investigation.

Allegation

That former Assistant Commissioner Colin Watkins abused his position as a police officer by interfering with a police investigation.

Enquiries conducted

No enquiries conducted – information provided with initial report.

Findings

Documents provided supports prima facie involvement by Watkins. The fact that he requested the investigation to be terminated is of concern

Attachments

Investigation Plan

Administration Issues

Nil at this stage

Anti-Corruption Branch – Confidential Document**Cost of Preliminary Enquiry**

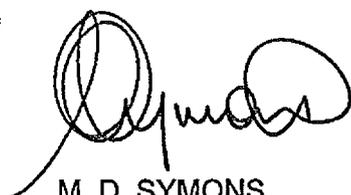
Total Costs	
Personnel	\$81.67
Overtime	\$0.00
Operational	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$81.67</u>

Summary

The allegations of interference in a police investigation are of concern. There is a need to investigate further to determine whether or not there was an abuse of office in ordering the investigation to be terminated.

Recommendation

This matter upgraded to full investigation due to the seriousness of the allegations.



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