

OPERATION ORDER

CRIME SUPPORT GROUP

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OPERATION 'DENY'

1. SITUATION

In June 1993 a television journalist handed to police a box containing photographs depicting child pornography. This property was provided by an informant known to the journalist. Investigations by Christies Beach Child Abuse Investigators and the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence have since identified five persons involved in paedophilia and child pornography. Direct associations have been established between these persons and three paedophiles recently arrested in the United Kingdom. Correspondence between some of the targets in this State and the U.K. offenders has established that our targets have been involved in the distribution of child pornography interstate and in the United Kingdom. There is, however, no evidence at this stage of large scale distribution of child pornography.

2. LIMITATION

Investigations will be restricted to offences committed in this State. Interstate liaison has been effected to ensure co-ordination of enquiries in other States as required.

3. MISSION

To apprehend identified paedophiles and those involved in the distribution of child pornography.

4. EXECUTION

4.1 This operation will be conducted by the Child Abuse Investigators from Christies Beach, Holden Hill, Elizabeth and Darlington CIB Units, Divisional Intelligence Officers, BCI and supported as required by ISU. Investigators from Australian Postal Security and Australian Custom Services will be available to assist with the examination and investigation of child pornography which may have been brought in from overseas or by post.

The operation will be conducted in accordance with the following phases:

Phase 1 - Intelligence Phase

During this phase the designated Child Abuse Investigators from Christies Beach CIB, together with the BCI Paedophile Analyst, will continue to gather intelligence on the nominated targets. The resources of ISU, Australia Post Security and the Australian Custom Services will continue to be used, as required, to assist during this phase.

Phase 2 - Investigation Phase

This phase will commence at 0630 hours on 10 September 1993.

At this time the designated investigation teams, incorporating a Divisional Intelligence Officer, will respond to their respective target premises and commence investigations, as appropriate.

The Field Supervisor shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all investigations.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

5.1 BRIEFING/DEBRIEFING

A briefing will be held at 1300 hours on Monday 6 September, 1993 in the 4th Floor Conference Room, Adelaide Police Station Building. One designated Child Abuse Investigator from each of the nominated areas, together with the designated BCI Analyst, will attend. An initial de-briefing will be held on 10 September, 1993 to assess further investigation requirements.

Separate briefings will be held with Australian Customs and Australia Post representatives as determined by the Forward Commander.

A debriefing will be held as advised by the Forward Commander.

5.1 MEDIA

The Base Commander and Forward Commander will be the only media spokespersons.

5.2 DRESS

Members will wear normal plain clothes.

5.4 VEHICLES

Each CIB Unit will be responsible for arranging necessary transport.

5.5 ROSTERING

Officers in Charge of the respective CIB Units shall ensure members shifts are altered as required for 10 September, 1993.

6. COMMAND AND SIGNALS

Refer Appendix 'A'


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