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Hi Anthony,

As you are aware, today the court ruled that the suppression order only be continued until the 16th December.

Given this decision, understandably, we are currently preparing a Media Strategy to respond to media inquiries on the 16th December when the details of the charges are no longer suppressed.

It is our understanding that a number of the allegations directly relate to incidents occurring whilst children were under the care of John Lord at a YMCA Child Care facility. We also understand that the incidents are direct breaches of YMCA Child Care Policy and Procedure.

We expect that the media will begin questioning the YMCA when the details become public knowledge and we would like to be as prepared as possible so as not to obscure the course of open justice.

On behalf of the YMCA I would like to request from NSW Police some communication explaining the types of incidents of each charge directly relating to the YMCA.

It is critical we gain a greater understanding of the charges to again ensure we communicate appropriately.

We appreciate that this information may be delicate or confidential at this stage. An alternative might be to meet and receive a verbal briefing of all charges so that we can prepare an appropriate media response.

We are based in Parramatta so can meet with you early next week. Both James and I are free Tuesday 13th morning.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Regards,

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