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Ms Simone Boyce

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Dear Ms Boyce

I refer to your faxed letter requesting that I advise the reasons why this office decided not to proceed in relation to the offence alleged in relation to you.

As I explained when we met on 19 September there were a number of factors involved in the decision not to present an indictment.

The offence alleged was a single incident involving touching alleged to have occurred about 15 years ago.

There was no corroboration of your account or complaint by you shortly after the touching. Whilst such evidence is not essential, its absence by no means strengthened the case.

The case was also not strengthened by the fact that both you and both referred in your initial statements to meeting at "Aladdin on Ice" in 1997. Whilst on one view this is a minor issue, the common misdescription of the name of the production did not assist; particularly in view of other issues impacting directly on the acceptance of your account.

In essence the complaint is of one incident of touching about 15 years ago by an accused who has trained in excess of a thousand young female swimmers over many years without any complaint to police until recent times.

Having regard to the nature of the offence alleged and the strength of the evidence it was considered not appropriate to present an indictment.

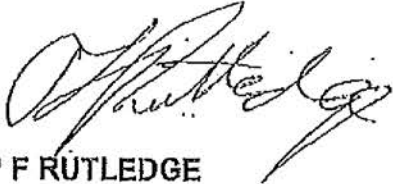
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It is important to recognise that this decision by no means indicates a finding that you are untruthful. It is based upon an objective assessment of the nature of the allegation and the evidence to support it against the background of the fact that the prosecution must prove its case beyond reasonable doubt.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P F Rutledge', written in a cursive style.

P F RUTLEDGE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS