

REPORT FORM

H.O. File No. _____

Local File No. _____ Date 23 March 1983State type of case ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE (SEXUAL)Name of Child: KNIGHT, Leonie Patricia b. RE 68Address Bethcar Children's HomeBrewarrina, 2839

S.O. 3542 D. West, Government Printer

On Wednesday, March 23, 1983, Ian Robinson, R.D.O. Bourke, advised by phone that **REDACTED** (daughter of **REDACTED**), and sister of Leonie Knight, had told him that Leonie had told her that around Christmas time last she had been upset and that Mr. Gordon had comforted her by "hugging her, kissing her, and fondling her breasts."

The family has been somewhat pre-occupied recently with problems associated with Mr. **REDACTED** causing the death of a person whilst driving. It is anticipated that when some of these problems are sorted out the family may take more active steps to uncover to what extent Leonie may have been sexually interfered with and by whom whilst she has been living at Bethcar.

This allegation is a serious one to say the least as Leonie is one of twenty-four children at Bethcar and one can easily imagine the controversy associated with any confrontation with Mr. Gordon about the allegation.

In the light of this allegation it is worth recording that during my visit to Bethcar on 10.12.82, on a general inspection of Bethcar, Mr. Gordon showed me a room which he said was Leonie's. He said that Leonie was the only occupant of the room and I noted that the only bed in the room was a double one. The questions now arise:

1. Why is Leonie in a room on her own?
2. Why is she provided with a double bed?
3. Is her isolation because she likes it or is it to make provision for visitors to her?

CASE PLAN

1. School Counsellor, **REDACTED**, will talk with Leonie on his next visit to Brewarrina and invite her to talk about life at Bethcar.
2. Should **REDACTED**, Leonie, or other informant advise genuine suspicion or allegation of sexual interference, R.D.O. Brewarrina to obtain instructions from Regional Director as to registration and approach to alleged abuser.
3. In the meantime Regional Director to be advised of present situations.

[Signature]
Graeme S. Eggins
R.D.O. Brewarrina

23.3.83

Distribution:

1. Regional Director (Western)
2. Bethcar File
3. Leonie's Probation File

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These are obviously Police matters and should be treated as such.

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