

ALLEGATIONS OF A 1 WING AAFC MEMBER (IOC) SEXUALLY INTERFERING WITH A MINOR

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- It is alleged that a 1 Wing AAFC Instructor of Cadets (IOC), IOC A, has had charges laid against him for sexual interference with a minor. Allegations were raised to the attention of the Officer Commanding 1 Wing AAFC today, Thursday 28 Aug 2014.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- The incident is alleged to have occurred prior to arriving at 104 SQN Cairns 25 Jan 2013, while IOC A was a member of 106SQN (Mareeba, QLD).
- It is alleged that IOC A was placed in custody for two nights while the charges were formally laid.
- It is alleged that IOC A will attend court (date unknown) as a result of the formal charges.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- IOC A is currently on formal suspension from the AAFC and is registered on the Un Allotted List (UAL). IOC A was formally suspended and placed on the UAL from 01 July 2014 for a separate matter.
- IOC A has had his Blue Card Working with Children Check "SUSPENDED" IAW the notice 1WG received from the Queensland Government Blue Card system earlier (approx. Jun/Jul 14). This notice included a proviso that the members "employment" should be suspended from working with children until further notice.
- 1WG AAFC confirmed receipt of the suspension notice via return correspondence. 1WG confirmed the member had been placed on UAL and as a result, was suspended from working with children and would not return the member to services until such times as we received formal clearance from the Queensland Government Blue Card system
- From the content of the allegations, it is believed the matter is being dealt with by state Police.
- The Wing has not been in contact with IOC A since learning of the allegation today 28 August 2014.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION [if required]:

- IOC A first joined 1WG AAFC as a Civilian Instructor (IOC) on 25 May 2012 and was posted to 106SQN (Mareeba QLD) until 24 Jan 13.

- IOC A remained in Mareeba until his transfer (due to employment we understand), and posted to 104SQN (Cairns, QLD) on 25 Jan 2013.
- IOC A became a uniformed member of the AAFC and appointed as an IOC at the rank of AC(AAFC) on 1 Sep 2013.
- During this period IOC A experienced a marriage breakdown whilst in Cairns. At this time, the Commanding Officer (CO) 104SQN was notified of a Domestic Violence Order (DVO) being placed on IOC A.
- As a result OC 1WG AAFC was made aware of the issue and IOC A was suspended and placed on the UAL, week effect from 01 Jul 2014. This action was taken to enable the member to appropriately deal with his family & personal life.
- 1WG AAFC Staff Officer Management Services (SOMS) received notification from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian [Copy of correspondence to be forwarded under separate cover] that IOC A's Blue Card had been suspended. Detail as to the reason was not provided with the notice of suspension.
- It was assumed that suspension was a result of the DVO. Given IOC A was already on suspension from duty with the AAFC took no further action except for acknowledging receipt via return correspondence [Copy of correspondence to be forwarded under separate cover] and that the member would not return to working with children until such times as we received formal clearance from the State Office.
- A 104SQN IOC, IOC B, alleges to have received a call from IOC A on Sunday 24 Aug 2014. IOC B alleges that IOC A advised him during this telephone conversation of the charges for sexual interference with a minor. It was during this conversation that IOC B also alleges IOC A mentioned that he would be required to appear in court as a result of the alleged charges.
- IOC B and OC 1WG AAFC work together in their civilian employment. IOC B verbally advised OC 1WG AAFC today of the phone call he alleges to have had with IOC A.
- As a result, OC 1WG AAFC contacted DAFLO 1WG AFLO Office notifying her of the issue and requested a HIB be staffed to AAFC HQ AND CB-AF immediately.

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