

Allegations made by [BXJ]

The following is taken from an interview held between [BXJ] and Maria Shand (Rigby Cooke) on Monday 16 August 1999.

The allegations involving Noel Callaghan are as follows:

1. THAT without any request or her consent, Noel, placed his hand in [BXJ]'s hand, and on her leg. This occurred in the evening in a taxi on the way from the hotel (at which the NSW Under 18 women's squad had been staying) in Darwin, at the conclusion of the International Tennis Federation Under 18 Women's tournament, held in June 1997. She and Noel were sitting in the back seat of the taxi.

[BXJ] says she felt "very uncomfortable" while this was occurring. She also alleges that at the time Noel "may have had a bit too much to drink or, cause he did seem a little drunk, I could smell beer on his breath in the car...I think I saw him with a beer in his hand [at the hotel before departing for the airport]".

[BXJ] says there were probably 3 other people from the squad in the taxi but she cannot remember who they were. [BXJ] says there were "bags all across us" in the taxi. [BXJ] also says that when they ended the taxi ride Noel made the comment that he was just trying to reassure her and make her feel better.

2. THAT on the third night of a five day camp held at Sydney University in December 1997, at sometime between 11.00 to 11.30 pm Noel entered the room in the dormitory where [BXJ] was staying and without her consent hugged her. [BXJ] says that "someone knocked on my door. I opened it and it was Noel and he had a beer in his hand." Noel then asked what [BXJ] was doing and she said "I'm going to bed". [BXJ] says he then "just kind of walked in and started hugging me. He put his arms around me". [BXJ] alleges she said "oh I think you have had too much to drink". [BXJ] says Noel stayed in the room and was laughing and talking for a couple of minutes about "nothing in particular", while she was waiting for him to leave the room. As he was leaving the room [BXJ] alleges Noel said she should come to his room in twenty minutes as "there's a party". She responded by saying "I don't think so I'm very tired".

3. THAT about twenty minutes after the incident in point 3 above, [BXJ] alleges that Noel returned to [BXJ]'s room and entered it uninvited and without knocking. [BXJ] alleges she was in bed and Noel walked in and closed the door behind him. [BXJ] says "he walked to my bed and sat on top of me when I was lying there". She alleges Noel straddled her by sitting across her thighs with his legs either side of her. He then said "you didn't come to my room" to which [BXJ] says she replied "oh I'm really tired". [BXJ] then says she asked him to get off because he was too heavy. She says he then moved further up so he was straddled across her hips. [BXJ] says she again asked him to "please get off and he kept trying to kiss me". She says she kept turning her head to avoid him. [BXJ] says he was "leaning down just trying to kiss me". "He tried to kiss me several times and said oh you know just one kiss". [BXJ] says Noel then put his hands on her stomach. There was a sheet between her and Noel, and [BXJ] was in bed clothes. After somewhere between five and ten minutes [BXJ] says Noel got up and said "maybe tomorrow night" and then left the room. [BXJ] says she then lay in her bed and cried for about an hour before falling to sleep.

[BXJ] says she felt "very uncomfortable", "worried and scared" and "shocked". She says she "didn't want him to touch me". She also says she was worried that "he would just keep trying" and that "he wanted sexual relations". She said "I didn't want to be put in that situation. I was more like, I felt sick in the stomach cause he was my coach ...".

[BXJ] alleges that throughout this incident, Noel appeared drunk. She says "the smell of beer was strong on his breath and he was just kind of acting silly ...I think one time he almost fell over." [BXJ] also alleges that she believes Noel to have been smoking "pot" as she smelt it on him earlier that night.

The next day [BXJ] says Noel came over to her on the courts and shouted at her "what the fuck is your problem" [BXJ] had been having a disagreement with one of the boys on the court. [BXJ] says Noel "was quite mad at me for no apparent reason".

A few weeks after the camp [BXJ] says she arrived at White City for some hitting practice. Noel was there. [BXJ] says "he got up and walked over to me straight away and he said sorry for what happened the other week. But he didn't say what so I don't know whether he was apologising for him trying something or for him yelling at me." [BXJ] said she replied "that's okay" because "she did not want make it harder for her at training... he could make it uncomfortable for me and if I tried to act normal and be polite then hopefully it wouldn't come up again... he wouldn't try it again."

4 THAT during a few weeks after the camp at Sydney University (referred to in points 2 and 3), [BXJ] alleges that Noel asked unwanted personal questions and touched her leg and breast/chest area during a car trip with him.

[BXJ] alleges that Noel had telephoned [BXJ]'s place and asked her mother whether [BXJ] would like a ride with him to training. [BXJ] says she said "alright" because she was running late for the train. [BXJ]'s mother dropped her off at Noel's house for this purpose at about 9.00 am. [BXJ] says that during the car trip Noel asked her several personal questions including when was your first sexual experience; what was it like; who is your boyfriend now; what have you been up to. [BXJ] says he also asked what bra size are you, and then reached over and grabbed at her breast/chest area.

[BXJ] says that later in that trip Noel "put his hand across .. on top of my leg". She says "I just tried to move my leg away from his hand but we were nearly there and then he took his hand away". She said she felt "uncomfortable, I just wanted to get out [of the car]".

5. THAT during her a coaching lesson with Noel sometime during 1997 he said to [BXJ] "oh if you lose this rally then you have to give me a blow job" or something like that. [BXJ] also says Noel often made rude or sexual jokes and sex based comments at private lessons and during squad training. She also says she remembers one occasion when she was serving in a lesson with him and she says he was looking at her bottom rather than at her serve.