

From: david.godkin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 February 2014 5:30 PM
Subject: Re: CONFIDENTIAL: Investigation by Professional Standards Office

Dear Colin

Thank you for your email concerning this matter.

You may be aware The Salvation Army has recently been in discussions with the NSW Ombudsman's Office who have advised that we are required to notify them and investigate all Reportable Allegations. This matter falls within the authority of the Ombudsman's Office to scrutinise our processes in managing such complaints.

Internal Investigations of this nature are a part of due process for all reportable conduct matters. The TC informed the Royal Commission yesterday that any known reportable conduct matter, whether current or historical, will be investigated internally through the Professional Standards Office.

This process is consistent with other investigations of allegations concerning officers in this Territory.

I appreciate your concerns that this matter took place some twenty-four years ago and that you have recently told people whom you cared about. However, as you are aware, the Salvation Army has an obligation to protect all vulnerable people to whom we serve and this requires that we address such probity issues upon regulation of law, as is the case in this matter.

This process of investigation was approved by the Chief Secretary and will be noted in the ORB minutes at the February ORB.

The parameters of Mr Greville's inquiry will include his discussion with all affected parties and then he will subsequently write to you, inviting your attendance to an interview. The communication will include the particulars of the matters he seeks in your response.

At this point in time, it is not possible nor reasonable to project an outcome of the investigation until Mr Greville has completed his inquiries and submitted his report. However, you will be kept informed of its progress. I am advised that Mr Greville will have completed his inquiries in the coming weeks.

I trust this advice provides you with sufficient information.

Kindest regards,

David

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 SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL

Colin Haggart ---07/02/2014 09:16:48 AM---Dear David, I am writing to express my concern over the decision made by the Professional Standards

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Dear David,

I am writing to express my concern over the decision made by the Professional Standards Office to re-investigate all historical cases of alleged abuse within the Army including my own.

The first I knew of this was when I was informed by Colleen Morton that I would not be able to meet with John Greville to discuss the proposed Written Agreement, as you had suggested, because he was investigating me. You also seemed surprised at this knowledge when I made it known to you in our phone call on Sunday the 26th January.

In our meeting with Colleen Morton on the 4th February it was disclosed that these re-investigations are deemed necessary because it is felt that there is now not sufficient documentation/evidence, in some cases, to assure the PSO that the original investigations were carried out thoroughly and with the level of diligence that is required nowadays. Please correct me if I am wrong but that is how I recall our conversation.

As you know, I have had to tell my story a number of times recently to people I care about and love. This has not been without cost. You could also understand that I might not feel inclined to share the story yet again with a complete stranger just because someone is questioning the processes that took place 24 years ago.

Recently I reviewed for the first time the file that your office holds on me. I did this mainly to reassure myself that there were no substantial errors of fact and I was able to confirm this. There is nothing I wish to add to what has already been recorded about this matter in that file.

Accordingly, before I commit to meeting with your investigator, I would appreciate if you could advise me as follows:

1. Who initiated and made the decision that these re-investigations should proceed?
2. Has the Officer Review Board been made aware of, and given approval for these re-investigations? (at least the ones that pertain to officers)
3. What is the purpose of the re-investigations?
4. What are the parameters and scope of the re-investigations? and
5. What are the expected potential outcomes of these re-investigations?

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours,

Colin

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