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Re: Concerning SE from Qld - apology request not supported  
David Godkin to: Glenn Murray  
Cc: "Sandra Godkin"

07/06/2012 21:32

History: This message has been forwarded.

Thanks Glenn,

I support your recommendation and agree it would place undue duress on Stan.

Thanks for all you do.

David

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On 07/06/2012, at 4:18 PM, "Glenn Murray" <glenn.murray[REDACTED]> wrote:

- > Hi David,
- > (cc; Sandra)
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- > Requesting an apology from Lt Col Stan Everitt (rtd)
- > (Complainants Ms JG [redacted] and Ms JD [redacted])
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- > Executive Summary
- > Another approach to Lt/Col Everitt to attempt to extract an apology for victims of Envoy John Lane is not supported by this Office. It is my view that to do so either directly or indirectly amounts to undue harassment and promotes a possible campaign against Lt/Col Everitt.
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- > It may be useful for AUE leadership to later write to both Ms JG [redacted] and Ms JD [redacted] informing them of our view and summarising the apologies already made to both women.
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- > Analysis
- > At least two complainants who were abused by Envoy John Lane (now deceased) have claimed they want an apology from Lt/Col Stan Everitt as the local officer in charge who first heard their complaint. These complaints are from Ms JG [redacted] and Ms JD [redacted] and although not all the complainants against Envoy Lane these two are seeking his personal apology.
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- > Lt/Col Everitt appeared at the criminal trial of Envoy Lane for the prosecution which concluded by sentencing on 03/10/1997. TSA solicitors at the time (Dunhill Madden Butler) summarised Lt/Col Everitt's evidence and noted that upon receiving the initial verbal complaint from Ms JG [redacted] to him personally Lt/Col Everitt asked Ms JG [redacted] to make her complaint in writing to him. After receipt of both complaints Lt/Col Everitt made those complaints known to Envoy Lane and in the second confrontation, after receipt of the written complaint from Ms JG [redacted], Envoy Lane made his first admission of sexual abuse to him. Reportedly Lt/Col Everitt claimed at trial that the claim of rape or indecent assault had not been raised with him by Ms JG [redacted] when she first spoke with him. These court proceeding notes refer to Lt/Col Everitt's contemporaneous notes from both meetings with Ms JG [redacted] and Envoy Lane over these matters.
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- > Although the Defense Counsel challenged Lt/Col Everitt's recollection and its clarity the TSA solicitor's notes identify that; "... his evidence in relation to the core of his conversations with both the complainant and the accused was strong."
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- > PSO's records collected at the time of the trial and subsequently demonstrate that Lt/Col Everitt was prudent in his work in this matter and once the complaint was formalised formally he arranged for support and counselling for Ms JG [redacted].
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- > Although written apologies have been provided to these two complainants by the AUE leadership,

including the Commisisoner, and at least one has been deleivered in person by two senior officers, there is no substantial evidence that Lt/Col Everitt avoided obligations as they stood at that time. In comparison to some clergy and officers from other churches his actions were not only caring and supportive in a TSA misson context but they were significantly advanced of some clergy responses I have seen or seen reports of in other denominations.

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> Looking through today's more responsive model of care and support for complainants there are possibly shortcomings but this author does not determine that Lt/Col Everitt acted inappropriately and outside of the TSA's then expected behaviours.

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> Seeking a Personal Apology

> Lt/Col Everitt has been approached on a number of occaisons about making formal apologies to Ms JG [redacted] and Ms JD [redacted].

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> The last occasion on our files was in November 2009 when Lt/Col Everitt challenges the claims made by Ms JD [redacted] about his treatment of what she alleges is the first time she made a complaint about Envoy Lane and subsequent to Ms JG [redacted]'s complaint. Lt/Col Everitt refused to sign a predrafted letter of apology based on his views that the apology contained incorrect and untruthful claims about his behaviour towards Ms JD [redacted]'s alleged laying of her complaint.

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> Recommendation

> On the basis that at both Envoy Lan'e tiral in Ms JG [redacted]'s complaint and when asked to sign an apology couched in Ms JD [redacted]'s context Lt/Col Everitt has challenged the recollections placed on events by Ms JG [redacted] and Ms JD [redacted] that would support a personal apology by him, it is not possible to claim that either challenge to Lt/Col Everitt's recollection can be supported by AUE in seeking a written apology for either complainant.

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> To reopen requests to Lt/Col Everitt to make these apologies now some 2.5 years later is neither conscionable nor fair. Essentially the TSA is responsible for Lt/Col Everitt's actions and has already apologised for these in the relevant context.

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> With thanks,

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> Glenn

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> Haven't I commanded you; be strong and courageous?

> Do not be afraid or discouraged,

> For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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