

ES

Westbrook Training Centre.

IS:DM

ES was interviewed at the Westbrook Training Centre on 8th November last.

ES gave the following account of his Training Centre on 8th November last.

ES gave the following account of his movements since his release from Wilson Youth Hospital:-

He returned to Townsville to his mother and stepfather, where he remained for only two weeks. He claims he then left his mother's home after losing his job after one week, and because of numerous fights with his stepfather. He then travelled to Brisbane, where he stayed for some weeks with the <sup>49-Sch4</sup> family at Inala. ES was previously acquainted with

whilst they were both residing at the Endeavour Training Farm. After leaving the , he travelled to Armidale, where he resided at St. Patrick's Home for one month. He had previously been an inmate of St. Patrick's. He then returned to the , where he stayed until his present offence. ES informed me whilst he was staying at the , he had stolen a number of cheques from local mail boxes and had cashed them. He has not done any work since leaving Wilson Youth Hospital, with the exception of the one week's employment he did at Townsville.

As regards to the present offence, ES informed me that he was walking past the Oxley Fire Station with two younger boys, aged 9 and 11, when they urged him to steal a car at the side of the road. ES and the two boys stole the car, and later, when being chased by a number of police cars, ES deliberately crashed into two police cars before he himself crashed into a wall. A further police car lost control during the chase and also crashed. ES informed me that he thought these accidents were the police drivers fault, as they should have been better drivers. He shows no guilt over his actions, but does claim to have panicked when he noticed the police cars behind him.

I have discussed his request for a transfer to the Endeavour Training Farm with Major Bennett, who is not prepared to take ES. Major Bennett informed ES would not benefit from a further stay at Endeavour

ES himself, has no realistic plans about his future, but in view of his long history of institutionalization, I do not feel that a lengthy stay at Westbrook would be beneficial to him. As he has not been convicted of other offences since his release from Wilson Youth Hospital, I would suggest that his case be reviewed in two months' time.

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