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Mr Graeme Sapwell
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICER

Dear Graeme

RE: ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE

I write to report that I have received a phone call from a Mrs **REDACTED** alleging that her son, **BMG**, who is now 33 years of age, was sexually abused by an officer of The Salvation Army, between the ages of 11yrs and 15yrs. The name of the officer who she alleges was involved in this matter is Alan Smith.

Mrs **REDACTE** claims this took place while her son was attending the Swan View corps around the age mentioned.

I have been advised that the son has phoned the officer concerned to tell him of the years of trauma this has caused. The officer has apologised for all the hurt and distress which has been caused by his actions and is said to have requested that the matter not be disclosed until after his retirement at the end of the year.

In the phone call from Mrs **REDACTE** last night, she advised me that her son was intending to ring the officer concerned last night to suggest that he advise his superiors of this misconduct and if he had not done so within one week, then **BMG** himself would report the matter.

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WILLIAM BOOTH
Founder

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Territorial Commander

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I ask that you advise the Chief Secretary on this matter.

Mrs **REDACTE** has indicated that provided the officer reports the matter, then they would not wish to take this any further other than for some counselling to be provided for the son who was offended.

I will await your further instruction on this matter and will report to you any further conversation with Mrs **REDACTE**, or her son **BM**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Jeffrey". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

John Jeffrey (Major)
DIVISIONAL COMMANDER