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Subject: Alan Smith - Sentencing

Alan Smith has been sentenced to 15 years jail. Technically it was 18 years reduced by 3 years because he pleaded guilty. Parole conditions are unclear. The description of his offences are horrific, worse than one could imagine.

All the major media outlets will be reporting the case - not just Western Australia.

Smith had suggested in court that his wife had lost her priviledges as a retired officer - we will refute this if necessary in the Media. Smith also suggested that in 1980 he had refused an appointment to Bayswater Boys Home - of which we have no record at THQ. Finally, aggravation remains high against the Army with the suggestion that he was appointed to childrens-homes knowing of his earlier offences. We will be denying that suggestion on the facts which shows that after his readmission in 1980 no such appointments were made, however we understand that he and his wife were cottage parents at an Army institution whilst they were non officers prior to this date.