

## Investigation - Full Response Report

### Details

Investigation MIN ID:	INTMIN238343
Investigation Name:	SEWABILITY
LEAP Incident:	140264667
Primary Focus Type:	Investigations Relating to Persons
Primary Focus Category:	Sex Crimes
Primary Focus Sub-Category:	Child sex offence (non rape)
Job Type:	Investigation - reported
Categorisation:	3 - Regional primacy
Priority Rank:	Otherwise routine investigation (D)
Effective From:	26-AUG-2014
Narrative:	<p><b>OFFENCE:</b> Indecent Assault</p> <p><b>DATE/TIME:</b> 1981/82</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> Maryborough</p> <p>Last modified on 26-AUG-2014 15:58:15 by VP34486.</p>
Narrative:	<p>Complainant was an alter boy at the Eltham Catholic Church. During the early 1980's the priest was away for the weekend to his mother's house in Maryborough. During the night the BAKER came into</p> <p>Last modified on 26-AUG-2014 15:59:37 by VP34486.</p>
Comment Type:	General Log Entry
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	<p><u>26-Aug-2014 GOODING D/S/C 34486</u></p> <p><b>Complainant</b></p> <p><b>Name:</b> REDACTED (1971)</p> <p><b>Address:</b> REDACTED Greensborough</p> <p><b>MNI:</b> 998831776</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> REDACTED</p> <p><b>Suspect</b></p> <p>William (Bill) BAKER</p> <p><b>Recent Complainant</b></p> <p>RED reluctant to give her details</p> <p>Complainant attended at the Epping Police Station</p> <p>1450 Options Disclosure Interview Conducted – Complainant disclosed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Was an alter boy at the Eltham Parish as a child growing up</li> <li>● Was sexually assault by the priest at this church Father (William) Bill BAKER</li> <li>● When he was about 11 or 12 he went away for the weekend with the priest to the priests mothers house</li> <li>● Over the weekend the suspect took him shooting, let him drive the car and let him drink alcohol at dinner</li> <li>● The only 3 people in the house that night was the priests mother the suspect and the victim</li> <li>● That night when he was in bed someone came into his room – he wasn't sure who it was then he heard the suspect</li> <li>● Suspect then got into bed with the complainant went under the covers and fondled the complainants perineum</li> <li>● Complainant passed out. Does not know if he passed out due to shock or the alcohol he was given.</li> <li>● 8-12 months ago he approached the Catholic Church in Eltham to make enquires about father Bill.</li> <li>● Was told father Bill was living in Bairnsdale.</li> </ul> <p>NCASA number given to complainant</p> <p>Advised the complainant that someone would be in touch to obtain a statement</p>

1515 P/C to taskforce SANO s/t S/Sgt Mick DWYER. Stated that this investigation should be managed at local Notes and LEAP reports uploaded to investigation

**Crime Classification:** CAT 3B  
**PCCC Notified (Cat 1 or 2 offences):** N/A  
**LEAP Reports Submitted:** 34486  
**Family Violence Reports Submitted:** N/A  
**DHS Notified:** N/A  
**SUPPORTLINK notified:** N/A  
**Events and Tasks Created:** N/A  
**Victim's Charter Complied With:** Yes  
**Property/ Exhibits:** N/A

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**Comment Type:** General Log Entry

**Status:** Non Sensitive

**Comment:** **26-Aug-2014 GOODING D/S/C 34486**

**Investigation Plan Proposed Action**

- Investigation to be moved to Kyneton SOCIT Active Investigations for allocation
- Victim to be contacted and statement to be obtained

Last modified on 26-AUG-2014 17:41:03 by VP34486.

**Comment Type:** Squad Manager Comment

**Status:** Non Sensitive

**Comment:** Investigation transferred to Central Victoria SOCIT for investigation.

Last modified on 27-AUG-2014 14:24:06 by VP24639.

**Comment Type:** Investigation Manager Comment

**Status:** Non Sensitive

**Comment:** DS GILDEA 24930

Noted

File allocated to SD GOODMAN

Last modified on 01-SEP-2014 13:05:03 by VP24930.

**Comment Type:** Investigator Comment

**Status:** Non Sensitive

**Comment:** **DSC GOODMAN**

01/09/14 1347 Hrs. Introduction call made to complainant. no answer left voice mail.

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Comment Type: Investigator Comment

Status: Non Sensitive

Comment: **DSC GOODMAN**

01/09/14. Leap updated and incident no added to shell.

S/T DSC GUNTHER @ SANO taskforce re; assistance to ID the accused using their database.

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Status: Non Sensitive

Comment:

**DSC GOODMAN**

01/09/14. Recieved call back from SANO taskforce re; ID assist of accused confirmed his ID as

MNI: 619498356 IBR: Cni: 103643375 **Date of Death: 14/02/2014**  
 Name: BAKER, WILFRED JAMES Date of Birth: 01/07/1936

BAKER was target Operation FORTELL @ SANO taskforce and was awaiting trial for bone cancer on 14/2/14. I have a copy of the death certificate and I will attach to this s accused is deceased, but he can still make a statement and give his evidence to the R family living in Maryborough which is consistent with the complainants allegations.

Rob,

As discussed.



Regards,

Chris REED

**| Detective Senior Constable 34140 | Taskforce SANO | L3 Tower 1, 637 Flinders Stre**

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Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	<p>Paedophile priest dies before facing court amid new allegations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● by: <a href="#">Shannon Deery</a></li> <li>● From: <a href="#">Herald Sun</a></li> <li>● April 15, 2014 3:06PM</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase Text Size</li> <li>● Decrease Text Size</li> <li>● Print</li> <li>● Email</li> <li>● Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add to Digg</li> <li>○ Add to del.icio.us</li> <li>○ Add to Facebook</li> <li>○ Add to Kwoff</li> <li>○ Add to Myspace</li> <li>○ Add to Newsvine</li> <li>○ What are these?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Former priest Wilfred Baker outside Magistrates Court. Picture: Hamish Blair Source: News Limited

**A NOTORIOUS paedophile priest who was allowed to continue working despite accusations of charges.**

Alleged victims of Wilfred Baker have been left devastated that he will not be held to account for a stri  
He was set to stand trial in the County Court on a string of new offences including indecent assault an

**MORE: Accused Rupertswood abuser in court**

The *Herald Sun* understands brothers allegedly abused by Baker were poised to give evidence again:

But prosecutors today filed a notice of discontinuance in the matter following his death in February.

His victims say they would not have been abused if allegations of sex abuse reported to Archbishop F

Archbishop Little was reportedly told Baker had been molesting students but did not act.

Baker was instead moved around Melbourne parishes with his congregations and authorities unaware

During the 60s and '70s he worked at parishes in East Brighton, Mordialloc, Doveton and Eltham.

The convicted paedophile was sentenced to four years' jail in 1999 over 16 counts of indecent assault

He had admitted taking some of his young victims to his parents' home in Maryborough where he ass.

Baker had befriended the boys' parents, who allowed their children to go away for the weekend with th

Baker was placed on administrative leave with his faculties withdrawn in 1997 and never again worke

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne spokesman James O'Farrell said Baker did not function publicly a

He said the Church had refused to bury Baker in a crypt for priests at the Melbourne General Cemete

``The Archdiocese acknowledges and apologises for the suffering which Baker caused to those whom

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Comment: **DSC GOODMAN**

Comment 8 is a Herald Sun Article of the accused, the highlighted section is his M.O of taking his vic

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Comment: **DSC GOODMAN.**

02/09/14.

Complainant called back last night at 5pm. Explained that accused is deceased and died awaiting tria

into child abuse and emailed the information to him.

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Status: Non Sensitive

Comment: DS GILDEA 24930

Noted commnets above.

No further action to be taken in relation to this Investigation

Investigation to be marked completed

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## Investigation Plan

Submitting Member: **MBR** 1930716, Senior Constable Erin GOODING, VP34486, SOCIT-EPPING, Active

## Investigation

**Objectives:****Main  
Investigation  
Strategies:****Additional  
Resources:**

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**Risk  
Assessment:****Approval &  
Conditions:****Investigation  
Completion  
Report:****Post  
Operational  
Assessment:****Personnel**

Investigation Manager:	<a href="#">MBR 45736</a> , Sergeant Matthew John GILDEA, VP24930, SANO TASK FORCE, Active
Start Date:	01-SEP-14
Primary Investigator:	<a href="#">MBR 50670</a> , Leading S/C Robert Colin GOODMAN, VP32313, SEXUAL CRIME SQUAD, Active
Start Date:	01-SEP-14

**Reason for Cancellation****Record Status**

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<i>Created By User:</i>	VP34486	<i>Modified</i>
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<i>Security Group</i>	Central Victoria SOCIT	<i>External</i>

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