

## Investigation- Full Response Report

### Details

Investigation MIN ID:	INTMIN020142
Investigation Name:	ANIMUS
LEAP Incident:	090184688
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:	03-JUL-2009
Narrative:	<p>BETWEEN 1962 AND 1963 THE VICTIM WAS A 10 YEAR OLD STUDENT AT ST MICHAELS PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HIGH STREET, ASHBURTON. VICTIM ALLEGES THAT DURING 1963 HE WAS AN ALTER BOY WHO WAS FORCED BY CATHOLIC PRIES <b>DESMOND</b> ▶ ◀ <b>GANNON</b> TO SUCK GANNON'S PENIS IN THE CONFSSIONAL ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. VICTIM NOW SUFFERS PSYCHOLOGICAL ILLNESS DUE TO THIS CRIME. SUSPECT IS CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY AT PORT PHILIP PRISON REGARDING SIMILAR CRIME. ON 08/07/09 I MADE CONTACT WITH THE VICTIM TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS AND HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH EMAIL CONTACT AND HAVE SENT HIM VIA AUSTRALIA POST A VICTIMS BOOKLET. ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATORS HERE WOULD NEED ANOTHER STATEMENT TO CLARIFY SOME OF THE INCIDENTS SPOKEN OF IN THE STATEMENT. VICTIM IS ALSO WILLING TO TRY A PRE-TEXT WITH THE SUSPECT IN AN EFFORT TO GATHER MORE EVIDENCE. ULTIMATELY, A 464B APPLICATION TO INTEVIEW THE SUSPECT WILL NEED TO TAKE PLACE. THIS LEAP INCIDENT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO VOCAT AT THIS POINT OF THE INVESTIGATION. A request has been made via snail mail of WA police investigators to take a second statement clarifying points in the first statement.</p> <p>Entered On 13-JUL-2009 15:50:45 By VP30844</p>
Narrative:	<p>DLSC BELL updating. I have been in regular contact with the victim. I have obtained a second statement clarifying the first, and have identified and obtained a statement from the 1st complaint. I have been obtaining assistance/info from the Catholic Arch Diasis. My last request to the victim was for phtographs of him as a child at the time of the incident in order to show same to suspect during interview in to avoid the situation of him not knowing who I am talking about. The victim has informed me that he cannot locate any, but has told me of photographs taken by the sun nespaper of him during that time. I am currently making inquiries with the newspaer to obtain those photographs, and will then apply for a 464b to interview the suspect.</p> <p>Entered On 01-OCT-2009 16:03:53 By VP30844</p>
Narrative:	<p>DLSC BELL updating. The newspaper was unable to assist with the desired photograph. I have been advised by the Catholic Archdiasis that they may be able to obtain photographs, and records from the education department regarding teaching staff at the time of the allegations. Victim has been updated via email (his preferred method of contact).</p> <p>I will continue to attempt to locate a photograph of the victim at this point as I feel it may mean that the suspect will know which victim we are talking about, given that he has offended against so many.</p> <p>Entered On 31-OCT-2009 14:34:53 By VP30844</p>

Narrative:	DLSC BELL updating.  I have utilised internet sites facebook and aussieschoolfriends.com to locate other students from the school in order to ask them for photographs of the victim. contact made with 3 persons who are going to go through old photos and get back to me.  once a photograph is obtained, a 464b application will be made. Entered On 06-NOV-2009 13:02:46 By VP30844
Narrative:	dlsc bell updating. regular liaison with victim in updating him and working with him to obtain an image of of victim as a child at age of offence. Will attend Ashburton P/S in order to search their archives which have been unaccessible until this week. once this avenue is exhausted, I will s/t victim about conducting the interview without a photograph. Entered On 19-MAR-2010 10:13:56 By VP30844
Narrative:	Brief re-submitted with additional charges and forwarded to OPP for authorisation of charges. Last modified on 09-NOV-2012 12:10:26 by VP30844.
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Entry by D/Sgt Young, 24279  16/07/09 seen & noted. Entered On 16-JUL-2009 09:23:59 By VP24279
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	DLSC BELL updating. one photograph has been obtained and forwarded to the victim for purusal in order for him to confirm if he is within the group of people photographed. The victim is aware of our desire and need to have a photograph of him as a child and is assisting in trying to obtain one. victim last contacted on 04/12/09. Entered On 05-DEC-2009 09:56:21 By VP30844
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen Entered On 09-DEC-2009 19:44:15 By VP24279
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Victim updated regarding current status of investigation and is still assisting with photograph search. email to catholic archdiocese requesting assistance regarding the photograph. They have access to school records including photos. Entered On 13-JAN-2010 13:09:23 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen & noted Entered On 26-JAN-2010 17:40:22 By VP24279
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Victim updated and is happy with progress of investigation, and is aware that once a photograph of him as a child is obtained, an application will be made to interview the suspect. Victim supports this line of inquiry. Contact made with hawthorn F/C archive section for a photograph taken of victim in 1968. Archivist will contact police with result of search for this photograph. Entered On 24-FEB-2010 08:40:28 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment

Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	DLSC BELL updating. I have spoken with the principal at the Ashburton primary school who has finally been able to access the archive section (Geraldine DALTON) and she advises that she did not locate any photographs relating to my inquiry. She has advised that I contact the Arch Diasis regarding records that the parish may have kept. I have contacted Maria Kirkwood (Catholic Archdiasis) with this inquiry. Victim Updated via Phone/Email.
	Entered On 31-MAR-2010 15:50:05 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen & Noted
	Entered On 08-APR-2010 09:22:11 By VP24279
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	DLSC BELL updating. I have been liaising with the victim in the matter who feels strongly still that a photograph of him as a child will be located within the sun newspaper archives at the state library.  I have not yed received a reply from KIRKWOOD at the Catholic Archdiosis regarding possible photographic archives.  At this point, I am still attempting to locate a photograph of the victim at the time of the offence for the purpose of interview.
	Entered On 22-APR-2010 16:59:17 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	As per previous entry. contact made with victim. A/c
	Entered On 22-MAY-2010 08:28:45 By VP30844
Comment Type:	General Log Entry
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Victim advised that I have concluded my search of the state library archives of the 'SUN' newspaper for a photograph of him. He informs me that he believes that the photograph exists and desires to come to victoria to search for it himself. Further to this, he is drafting a letter that he intends to send to the suspect which he wants to send before I interview the suspect. The victim has been advised to contact me next week about this and advised that I am desirous of interviewing the suspect at the earliest oportunity.
	Entered On 30-JUL-2010 11:30:12 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen - please update as to status of investigation.
	Entered On 08-SEP-2010 16:01:14 By VP24279
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Victim has asked that I wait until mid september when he will attend at Boroondara with a view to have me assist him in locating the missing photograph of himself at the state library archive section in the sun newspaper. Victim advised that I would do this.
	Entered On 09-SEP-2010 15:34:53 By VP30844
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	victim currently in melbourne and attending the state library archive section to view 'sun' newspapers regarding the picture of himself as a child. will contact me once he completed his search and we will move on to interviewing the suspect.
	Entered On 01-OCT-2010 08:36:44 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
	Victim did locate the much desired photograph of himself as a

Comment:	child.  GANNON contacted via phone and agreed to interview by appointment. Collected him from REDACTED Coburg and conveyed to Fawkner P/S for interview with DLSC NICOL. No Comment interview.  Brief Submitted 09/10/10. Victim advised. Entered On 09-OCT-2010 14:07:37 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Brief not authorised - all parties advised, matter complete. 4BBB100656 Entered On 09-DEC-2010 13:27:38 By VP24279
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Investigatioon Re-activated at request of D/L/S/C BELL Entered On 16-JAN-2012 15:31:21 By VP30520
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Noted Entered On 24-JAN-2012 09:41:23 By VP24279
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Re- activated at request of Investigator 16/1/2012 - please update. Entered On 24-FEB-2012 18:58:44 By VP24279
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	The matter was investigated and a brief submitted on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of October, 2010, with charges of 'Gross Indecency' and 'Indecent assault'. The charges were not authorised (Brief and covering reports attached).  On the 18 <sup>th</sup> of September 2010, the victim contacted me and advised that he had remembered more about the incident he had reported, and that he wished to make a further statement regarding those memories. Further to that, he wished to have the authorisation of charges re-appraised, as he was very desirous of having the matter brought before the courts. He will exhaust all avenues of appeal relating to any decision to not authorise. That additional statement has been taken.  Currently:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Application has been made via WA police to have a statement taken from psychologist treating the victim - this in not yet complete.</li> <li>● Via An independant commissioner into allegations against the catholic church, application is made for a statement relating to the accused and his postings within the church. This, too, is not yet complete.</li> <li>● Both of the above applications were made on the 11th of January 2012.</li> </ul> <p>Once this is complete, the brief is to be re-submitted for authorisation.</p>

	Entered On 25-FEB-2012 08:37:58 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen & Noted.
	Entered On 26-FEB-2012 07:11:51 By VP24279
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	<p><b>Application has been made via WA police to have a statement taken from psychologist treating the victim - on the 11th of January 2012.</b></p> <p><b>Contacted WA member on 14/04/2012 - states that he has not had time yet to complete the request. Will do so ASAP.</b></p>
	Entered On 17-APR-2012 19:12:10 By VP30844
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	<p>Email update from WA Police:</p> <p>Richard,</p> <p>I have drafted most of the Psychologist's statement (it is almost done) and I will follow-up with the complainants once the Psychologist's statement is complete.</p> <p>Currently tied up with an Agg Armed Robbery from the weekend, but will have it ready for you soon.</p> <p>Forwarded for your information,</p> <p>Ross ROGERS.</p>
	Last modified on 18-JUN-2012 11:32:44 by VP30844.
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen / Noted
	Last modified on 26-JUN-2012 14:01:59 by VP24279.
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Investigator to update on return from leave after 12/8/12
	Last modified on 30-JUL-2012 10:57:21 by VP24279.
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Victim has indicated that he is not happy with WA police response

	and is considering complaint. I have contacted the WA Maitland detectives office and spoken with Detective Ross ROGERS' supervisor who happened to answer the phone (Gary BUTLER). He stated taht ROGERS was instructed to finalise the two requested statements as soon as possible. Victim updated.
	Last modified on 17-AUG-2012 14:03:05 by VP30844.
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen / Noted
	Last modified on 09-SEP-2012 09:55:33 by VP24279.
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Requested statements received by me on 17/09/2012. Brief re-formatted to incorporate new information and a further two charges made out/prepared.
	Awaiting Catholic education response for evidence of victim attending school as per covering report from D/Sgt ENRIGHT the last time the brief was submitted for checking. At this point, no records exist for school enrolements for that period. It is/was not governed by the Education Department at all being a Catholic Education School. Will obtain confirmation in writing if no records are located.
	Last modified on 19-SEP-2012 20:51:24 by VP30844.
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Breif re-submitted and sent to the OPP for authorisation. awaiting result.
	Last modified on 26-NOV-2012 12:04:17 by VP30844.
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Seen / noted
	Last modified on 28-DEC-2012 05:07:39 by VP24279.
Comment Type:	Investigator Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Response from OPP dated 20/12/2012.
	Recommend that charges NOT be filed in this matter due to multipal issues.
	Report attached to brief and filed at EBBCIU.
	Victim Notified.
	Last modified on 13-FEB-2013 18:53:42 by VP30844.
Comment Type:	Investigation Manager Comment
Status:	Non Sensitive
Comment:	Noted - Recommend the matter be marked completed - insufficient evidence to prosecute.
	Last modified on 13-FEB-2013 20:03:13 by VP24279.

### Investigation Plan

Submitting Member: [MBR 49389](#), Sergeant Richard BELL, VP30844, UNI-RESERVOIR, 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 45449</a> , Sergeant Eric YOUNG, VP24279, CIU-BOROONDARA, Active
Start Date:	14-JUL-09
End Date:	13-FEB-11
Primary Investigator:	<a href="#">MBR 49389</a> , Sergeant Richard BELL, VP30844, UNI-RESERVOIR, Active
Start Date:	14-JUL-09

### Reason for Cancellation

### Record Status

<i>Record ID:</i>	2054996	<i>Status Level:</i>	Complete
<i>Created By User:</i>	VP30844	<i>Modified by User:</i>	SYSTEM
<i>Date Created:</i>	13-JUL-2009	<i>Date Last Modified:</i>	14-FEB-2013
<i>Security Group</i>	VICPOL	<i>External Reference:</i>	

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