

COMMITTAL COVER SHEET

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE PROSECUTOR

Charles Alan SMITH , at the request of WA Police (Detective
 REDACTED CHILD ABUSE UNIT) was arrested on warrant
 on the 18th April 1996, in Melbourne, Victoria.

The arrest followed approval of the Western Australian Department of
 Public Prosecutions to have SMITH remanded in Melbourne on bail to
 return to Perth .

SMITH was remanded from the Melbourne Magistrates Court on bail on
 the 18th April 1996. He was bailed to appear in the Perth Petty Sessions
 on the 2nd May, 1996.

SMITH failed to appear in Perth and as it is now known, decamped to
 Launceston, Tasmania avoiding Police apprehension until February 12th
 1997. Detective REDACTED received information that SMITH was living
 alone at Gravelly Beach, Launceston. Launceston CIB located SMITH
 and subsequently SMITH was extradited back to Western Australia in
 custody.

Intending to interview Smith on his return to WA, regarding complaints
 of four persons, BMG (Compl 19)
 REDACTED (Compl 17)
 REDACTED (Compl. 4.)
 *** BMF (Compl 13)

(*** On the 8.1.1974, SMITH was convicted of 3 counts of Aggravated
 Assault on three male juveniles. Details attached . Two of these boys
 REDACTED and BMF , SMITH re-offended
 against after this date. Thus the reason for further charges in this brief.)

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Smith made admissions to 17 other children during the interview and has been charged on his own admissions in relation to offences committed against these children.

A video interview was conducted at the Morley Detectives Office and full admissions were made re his involvement in each offence.

The complainants NOT listed above have not supplied statements of the full abuse suffered at the hands of SMITH.

SMITH assisted Police with enquiries into this historical child abuse case once he returned to Perth. When questioned as to why he absconded on bail he explained that he was "frightened".

Forwarded for your information.

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