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**FROM:** John Dalziel - COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

**DATE:** February 14, 1997

**RE:** ALLAN SMITH COURT APPEARANCE

Yesterday afternoon, 13th February 1997 in the Perth magistrate's court, Allan Smith was charged to appear in the Perth District Court on 27th February to answer the following charges:

- \* Indecent dealing 48 charges
- \* Indecent assault 16 charges
- \* Carnal knowledge 10 charges
- \* Gross Indecency 2 charges
- \* Breach of bail 2 charges

Twenty-three boys were alleged to be victims of these charges.

Allan Smith informed Major Cagle that he would plead guilty to all charges, we can only hope that this is the case. The date for some of the charges goes back to 1958 (prior to him going to college). It involved him at a number of centres where he served as Salvation Army officer. Bail of \$10,000 and surety of \$10,000 was set and if he can find the money he will reside with his sister in a suburb of Perth reporting to the Midland Police three times a week. If not, he will be put in a special unit in jail.

All the media present were handed our media release. To date I have conducted an interview with 'The West Australian'. I have contacted through Major Ian Hamilton the Launceston Police and a Detective Le'Fevere has assured The Salvation Army that they are now in a position to make an arrest regarding the harbouring of Allan Smith in Launceston and that the people concerned have no connection whatsoever with The Salvation Army. I have informed ATV 10 and they have agreed to correct the wrong information they have put to air on this subject.

Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, Launceston and Sydney radio stations have run the story in the last 24 hours. ABC television in Perth also ran the story.

Yours sincerely,

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