

INCIDENTS - WEEK-END 27th/29th January 1984

As promised, I summarise the events of 27th/29th January and also the subsequent actions.

It appears that [RO-B47] and [RO-B328] hatched a plot to 'rip off' (their words) a slow-witted eighteen-year-old youth named Rod Hilton whom they knew to have homosexual tendencies. They promised Hilton money in return for sexual favours but claim that they had no intention of keeping their part of the bargain.

Unfortunately, they got [RO-B329] involved and tricked [RO-B329] into actually performing - albeit briefly - an act of gross indecency. Other boys came to know that easy money was available and [RO-B330] was taken by [RO-A88] to meet with Hilton for the purpose of obtainable money. Again gross indecency occurred between [RO-B330] and Hilton.

At least one other grossly indecent act took place during the week-end.

The matter began to emerge on Tuesday evening when Martin D., concerned about rumours of boys spending money freely during the week-end, began to look into why this should be so. After contacting me, Martin and Duncan were asked by me to continue informal talks with the boys to elicit as much information as possible.

On Wednesday afternoon Martin presented me with a pen picture of the situation which I considered serious enough to warrant informal contact with the Police. Accordingly I asked Bill Scott, J.L.O., to call in to discuss the matter, which he did - on Thursday afternoon. After discussions we agreed that it should be referred to the Detective Sergeant for our area - D.S. Andy Waller.

Owing to the delicacy of the situation and knowing that the police would only instigate proceedings when I put it to them officially, I decided to interview each boy with Len in my office which I did on Thursday afternoon and evening.

I was satisfied that there were serious implications not only for our boys and Hilton but for other children in the area.

D.S. Waller came on Friday morning and, after initial discussion, we agreed that he should take statements from the boys.

D.S. Waller took statements from [RO-B328] and [RO-B328] and a part statement from [RO-B47] in my presence. Andy Waller's colleague took a statement from [RO-B330] in the presence of Mike.

After taking statements D.S. Waller took the decision to take Hilton into the Police Station for questioning which he did on Saturday a.m. As a result, Hilton admitted the charges and will appear in Court in mid February. At the moment he is home on bail.

[RO-B328] and [RO-B47] have been identified as ringleaders - their trip to Scotland has been cancelled.

All five boys are restricted to the premises until further notice and staff are asked to be careful in allowing boys to go out on passes until further developments have taken place and are known to us.

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