

Serious incidents 27/29 Jan 1984 contd

Wednesday, 15th Feb.

p.m. D.S. Waller called to inform me that a threat had been made by one boy from this school against Hilton. Mrs. Hilton had complained to D.S. Waller - this message relayed via Mrs. Hopwood as I was at a SPEAR meeting.

Thurs. 16th Feb.

Telephoned D.S. Waller who told me that Hilton claimed the threat had come from a tall boy whom Hilton recognised as being from Knowl View Residential School. Boy's identity unknown at present.

Telephone call from Derek Miller, social worker/[RO-B328] He had received letter from [RO-B328]'s mother saying she would not have him home. Derek Miller trying to arrange a placement at [DPA] for an assessment - [RO-B328] to go there Thurs. or Frid. 23/24th Feb. (prior to half-term holiday)

Mon. 20th Feb.

11.30 a.m. D.S. Andy Waller telephoned to say that Hilton had appeared in Court, pleaded guilty and had been remanded for one month to allow time for psychiatric reports and probation reports to be written and placed before the magistrates. D.S. Waller said that he would ring again in a month's time.

As a result, no boys will need to appear in Court - neither will Andy Waller need to take further statements or complete the part statement taken from [RO-B47]

I asked whether there had been any adverse comment regarding our boys and D.S. Waller assured me that there had not been any such comment.

Wed. 22nd Feb.

Mrs. Livingstone telephoned in connection with another matter but discussed [RO-B328] with me. She said that she was in agreement with all that I had said in my letter to CEO Lancs (7.2.84) and was satisfied with the outcome (re-assessment). She also indicated that she had been slightly pressured initially into obtaining [RO-B328] placement here, believing it to be more appropriate to place him according to social needs rather than educational (e.g. CHE)

The following article appeared in the Rochdale Observer:

Youth paid boys to set up sex dates

A YOUTH paid two schoolboys to set up meetings at which he indecently assaulted their 13-year-old friend. Rochdale magistrates were told on Monday.

Roderick Hilton, of Mansfield Road, Rochdale, appeared in court on his 19th birthday. He admitted indecently assaulting the boy and asked for a similar offence to be

The case was adjourned until 19 March for reports.

Miss Gill Ashcroft, prosecuting, said Hilton paid the boys 50p each after the initial assault.

There was a similar incident later, but this time the two boys demanded more money, threatening to expose Hilton if he did not pay.

The offences came to light when the boys were

school, and staff called the police.

Mr Ralph Donner, defending, said Hilton was "mentally and socially immature and not what one would expect of an 18-year-old." He preferred the company of boys younger than himself.

Hilton accepted what had been said about the incident but had instructed him to say