

CPS MEMO RE DISCONTINUANCE OF CASE.

REF NO: [REDACTED] DPA  
R - v [REDACTED] NO-F221  
Court: Nottingham Crown Court  
Date of hearing: 30/04/2007 AM

Officer in Case: DC Dave Griffith, CAIU

Please note the following and take any necessary actions

Please see below.

Details:

Further to our conference yesterday, I write to confirm the following :-

1. [REDACTED] - in the light of all the evidence and information that is now before us, herewith the following problems:

- a) [REDACTED] states that her brother shut his hand in the door but he does not recall this
- b) Discovery of the previous complaint where an 86 year old gentleman was arrested for sexual behaviour where [REDACTED] in fact appeared to have been the instigator by opening the door naked. The 86 year old gentleman was [REDACTED] Irrelevant
- c) [REDACTED] claims that her father had thumped her in 1999 but she was unable to substantiate this with any injury.
- d) [REDACTED]s general behaviour at school where she was proven to be at times untruthful and unreliable

2. [REDACTED] NO-A473:

- a) DC Kidger dealt with the complaint in 1995 for buggery. [REDACTED] NO-A473 was not medically examined.
- b) In a contemporaneous note that has now been uncovered in the possession of Dc Kidger, [REDACTED] NO-A473 states that she had lied but then said nothing at the next meeting
- c) [REDACTED] Name Redacted does not support her story
- d) [REDACTED] Name Redacted does not support her story

3. [REDACTED] NO-A471:

- a) Her evidence is undermined by [REDACTED] NO-A472 who we have tendered to the defence
- b) [REDACTED] NO-A471 says [REDACTED] NO-A472 is lying
- c) In an entry in Social Services records, there is an entry in 2005 where [REDACTED] NO-A473 is contradictory and describes more of an accidental exposure by the accused but fails to mention that he got her to touch him
- d) Statement of [REDACTED] Name Redacted

Conclusion : It has taken months to uncover all the surrounding material relating to these victims. The enquiry has been complicated by the fact that so many children were fostered by the [REDACTED] Name Redacted and the material has been voluminous both in the police archives, the schools and Social Services.

However, we have succeeded in getting to the bottom of this case. Unfortunately, the case has become so weak as a result that we have no option but to drop the case.

Thank you for your hard work and I am sorry that it has left us with no option but to terminate proceedings but at least we have avoided a miscarriage of justice.

I will send this letter through the internal mail as well as e mail it with the victim letters that you can hand to the victims.

ACTION :

- Counsel to provide an advice to explain the decision and to liaise with defence counsel
- Police to inform the victims
- CPS to list for mention on Friday 20/4 to withdraw

SIGNED S.K.Matthews

DATE 17th April 2007