

DPA

CrType:C Status:U Press:N Class:S/Buggery GLU:XDP
Press Restrictions:Historic allegation R.C. Church

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General Information

Screening Decision: IN

Main

IU: CPT2-4 WEST CPU - XN
Crime Type: C Allegation (Prefix):
Allegation: DR Buggery
Committed on/from Date: SAT /1973 12:00
Committed to Date: THU /1974 12:00
Reported Date: THU 22/01/2004 11:00
How Notified: NC Caller At Station
Restricted? By: Date:
Restricted Reason:

Flags

XD

Borough

Branch

SE Single Agency Enquiries
RM Referrals Management In 24

Service

VA Vulnerable adult

Area (Historical)

OIC

Investigating Officer's Rank: DC
Surname: GREGORY Initials: KW
Warrant Number: 177049 Div/D Number: Usual Relief:
Duty: BA Area Squad/Unit
Station/Branch: CPT2-4 WEST CPU - XN
Allocated Date/Time: 22/01/2004 12:51
Allocation Noted? Y Noted Date/Time: 22/01/2004 12:51

Previous OIC Details

Usual Relief Duty Station Branch Allocated Date/Time Noted Date/Time

Press

Suitable for Press? N
Restrictions: Historic allegation R.C. Church
Is this a Specrim? N
Date/Time:

Totals

Total Values:

Stolen £: Outstanding £: Damaged £:
Recovered £: Damaged On Recovery £:

Total:

VIW(s): 2 Property 0 Vehicles(s): 0
Accused: 0 Suspect(s): 1

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Details of Investigation

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and still resides in the monastery and has no teaching duties but still can wander the campus containing the school grounds. He is not thought to be a risk as he has no direct contact with children. The present Abbot Martin Shipley is well versed in child protection procedures due to other recent events and even though he is not aware of the allegation can be trusted to be aware of the risks. If necessary Soper can be moved from the monastery but wherever he resides would need to be assessed.

Immediate Action:

To see and interview the victim for details. For the church to check their records for other victims. Evidence will only be obtained from the victim as the scene/witnesses was 30 years ago.

Strategy Discussion:

Meeting held 22/1/04 at 11am Northwood CPU Office. Peter Turner DI Valentine DS Morgan DC Gregory. All relevant details supplied by Mr Turner. Risk discussed with regards Soper and the possibility of warning the present Abbot. Psychiatric and medical history of victim known to David Lullard CPN and GP Dr. **Name Redacted**

Action: To liaise with Mr Lullard CPN and make arrangement for ABE interview in **DPA** if victim capable medically.

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I've since spoken to Lullard to give him my details and to pass them on to **RC-A622** as he is in a ward. Lullard is away next week so arrangements are in progress for the ABE w/c 2/2/04. Police checks underway.

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Classification confirmed

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PNC shows **RC-A622** with a PNC CRO **DPA** with no details on PNC but I've requested details. Devon and Cornwall FIB have records of **RC-A622** driving a car and van in April 2003. I've made a request they record a possible officer

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RECORD OF CONSULTATION/CHARGING DECISION



To Police Officer: DC KEVIN GREGORY	Police Division:	Custody no.: 13
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Request sought: Face-to-face full time Face-to-face part-time By phone/video conference CPS direct

Name of defendant: LAWRENCE SOPER

Offence: CHILD ABUSE

Information given: charging decision/advice sought

This matter relates to a historical allegation of sexual abuse by the suspect towards the victim dating back to the early 1970s. The suspect at the time of the offences was a teacher at St Benedict's Monastery School and the victim was a pupil at the school.

The victim was aged 13/14 years when the suspect would administer corporal punishment towards the victim, the suspect would tell the victim to remove his trousers before caning the victim. The suspect would then fondle the victim's genitals. The victim indicates that the abuse then resulting in anal rape on a number of occasions. The abuse started when the victim was 13 years old and took place over a one-year period.

The victim indicates that as a result of the abuse he has suffered psychiatric problems and has been sectioned under the mental health act. Whilst being sectioned the victim disclosed to his doctor that he had been sexually abused at school. This resulted in the victim being video interviewed and disclosing the offences.

The victim disclosed the names of a number of pupils who were also at the school at the time of the offence and may have been subjected to sexual abuse. The majority of these potential witnesses were traced, however were unaware of any sexual abuse but confirmed physical abuse i.e. caning did take place.

The suspect was interviewed in relation to the allegations and denied committing the offences. He stated the allegations were false. The suspect states he can recall the victim name but has no recollection of the victim. He denied every indecently assaulting or raping the victim.

I have considered all the evidence in the above case and in my opinion there is insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of a conviction. The allegation is essentially the victim's version of events against the suspects. There is no supporting evidence for either version of events. In the above circumstances there is insufficient evidence to proceed and I would advise no further action be taken against the suspect.

Charging decision/advice given:

NB: If oral agreement given to proceed then police must be asked to ensure that the file is endorsed with the Duty Prosecutor's name and "CPS telephone decision to proceed".

Insufficient evidence to proceed. I advise no further action.

Monitoring - Please tick ONE box

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