



NSW POLICE SERVICE

LOWER HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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Our ref:

Your ref:

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Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REGARDING :

AE

On this date, *AE* made a formal statement and complaint that during 1953-4, while she was a student at St Brigid's School at Raymond Terrace, she was sexually assaulted by Father Denis McALINDEN on a number of occasions.

In that statement, she outlines that she told her mother and father about the sexual assaults and her parents bought it to the attention of the Bishop. *AE* states that with her parents, she went to the Bishop's house but sat in the car while her parents met with the Bishop.

As a result of that meeting, *AE* believes *VR60* came to house and spoke to the family about the contents of the letter.

Police request that if there could be any record of this letter allegedly sent to the *AE's* family regarding this incident, could police have a copy of that letter. Both the parents of *AE* are now deceased and there was no copy of the letter found in their possessions.

VR60 was spoken to and was most helpful and stated that he has no recollection of this conversation with the *AE's* parents and stated he would of most certainly remembered such a conversation. Police also note that perhaps such a delicate enquiry would not of been handled by the Assistant Priest, who was also a personal friend of Father McALINDEN. *VR60* said he often visited *AE's* family as part of Pastoral visits.

Police also request any assistance that may be offered with the current whereabouts of Father McALINDEN.

If the investigating officer, Detective WATTERS can be of any assistance to the Church, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above numbers, or my personal mobile number

Signed

M.J. Watters
Detective Senior Constable