

From: Angus Llewellyn [REDACTED]
Sent: Sun, 14 Feb 2021 20:37:14 +1100 (AEDT)
To: Peter Meakin [REDACTED], Laura Binnie [REDACTED],
Myles Farley [REDACTED], "Tasha Smithies"
[REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: The Project, Network Ten request [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Statement from the AFP. When they say ACT Policing it's the ACT police part of the AFP. No mention of them not being able to get the CCTV.

Begin forwarded message:

From: ACT-Police-Media [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: The Project, Network Ten request [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: 14 February 2021 at 8:26:42 pm AEDT
To: ACT-Police-Media [REDACTED], AFP Media
[REDACTED], Angus Llewellyn [REDACTED]

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Hi Angus,

Thank you for the chat earlier. The below statement can be attributed to an ACT Policing spokesperson.

STARTS::

ACT Policing received a report in April 2019 in relation to an alleged assault at Parliament House. ACT Policing investigators subsequently spoke to the complainant who chose not to proceed with making a formal complaint. ACT Policing's investigation remains open but did not progress at that time as a result. As part of initial enquiries, ACT Policing also liaised with Department of Parliamentary Services.

Victims always have a say in how far a police investigation goes, can determine that a matter not proceed to prosecution, and can withdraw from the process at any time. It is not uncommon for an investigation to halt, not proceed to prosecution, or to be recommenced at a later time, at the request of a victim.

ACT Policing follows the governing principles set out in the *Victims of Crime Act 1994* (Australian Capital Territory) when investigating sexual assault and acts of indecency allegations. The principles provide that a victim should be dealt with at all times in a sympathetic, constructive and reassuring manner, and with due regard to his or her personal situation, rights and dignity. It can often be a traumatic experience being a victim of crime. ACT Policing understands that sexual assaults or acts of indecency disempower victims, taking control away from them. How an allegation is reported and how police investigate can have an impact on a victim's recovery, and potentially cause further trauma by taking away a victim's power and their sense of self. ACT Policing does not want to compound existing impacts of trauma on individuals.

ACT Policing respects a victim's right to privacy and empowers them to report, by providing them with opportunities to report an allegation should they wish to.

ACT Policing has continued to engage with the complainant throughout the investigation and also provided details of support services such as Canberra Rape Crisis Centre. If the complainant wishes to proceed, ACT Policing will assess the case and make a decision about whether there is sufficient evidence. This is done in accordance with the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions guidelines and often in consultation with the Office of the ACT Director of Public Prosecutions.

ENDS::

Thank you,

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Hi Angus,

Thank you for your enquiry.

We'll get back to you on Monday morning by deadline.

Thanks,

ELLENA BISSET

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Hello Angus,

I will forward this to ACT Policing as the appropriate investigations area (SACAT) sits there. Any information/response will come from the media team consistent with how we manage information to the media, not individual officers.

*ACT Police Media – please see below.

thanks

JULIE HOPE

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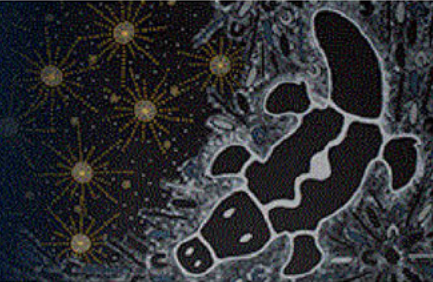
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From: Angus Llewellyn [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 12 February 2021 2:42 PM

To: Commissioner [REDACTED]; Cleaves, Rebecca [REDACTED]
Thelning, Katie [REDACTED]

Cc: AFP Media [REDACTED]

Subject: The Project, Network Ten request

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Dear Commissioner AFP Reece Kershaw, Federal Agent Katie Thelning and Federal Agent Rebecca Cleaves,

I'm producing a story for Network Ten's The Project. I have some specific queries I need answered no later than 10am Monday 15th February 2021.

- Was there an AFP investigation into an alleged sexual assault at APH evening of 22nd March 2019 and the morning of 23rd March 2019?
- Did the AFP SACAT request CCTV footage of Australian Parliament House from the evening of 22nd March 2019 and the morning of 23rd March 2019?
- Was the request refused?
- If so, what was the reason given?
- Have there been any subsequent requests for this CCTV, if so were they successful?
- Was this request followed up by superiors of Federal Agent Katie Thelning and Federal Agent Rebecca Cleaves at SACAT?
- Is the investigation into this case still open?
- Are you or anyone from the AFP available for an interview with The Project?

Yours faithfully
Angus

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