

Witness Name: Michael Graham Gradwell
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THE INDEPENDENT JERSEY CARE INQUIRY

EXHIBIT MGG13

From: Le Chevalier, Alexandra <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 December 2008 16:55
To: Tim Allen
Cc: John Edmonds
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

Categories: Urgent

Tim,

Please could we meet to discuss further,

Many thanks,

Alex Le Chevalier
Detective Constable 635
[REDACTED]

Reactive Investigation Team

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Allen [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 December 2008
To: Le Chevalier, Alexandra
Cc: Alexander, Raymond; Farrell, Sandra; John Edmonds
Subject: RE: Aubin[Scanned]

I'll certainly do that. We have had positive responses back from all the witnesses in Donnelly 1 but nothing so far from the only witness in Donnelly 2 [REDACTED]. So far we have had only two responses (both positive) from the witnesses in Wateridge and none from any of the witnesses in Aubin. Given that the trials are still some way off, it may not be appropriate for you to make contact with them at this stage but any that have not responded by the New Year may well need contacting again but I'll leave that in your hands. It would be a real problem though to get to a couple of weeks before trial and find they had booked to go on holiday.

-----Original Message-----

From: Le Chevalier, Alexandra [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 December 2008 16:2
To: Tim Allen
Cc: Alexander, Raymond; Farrell, Sandra
Subject: FW: Aubin[Scanned]

Tim,

The Family Liaison Officers for all the cases relating to Haut De La Garenne are myself, Sandra FARRELL and Raymond ALEXANDER (NSPCC). Ray and I are also responsible for the DONNELLY case. We try and attend as many court hearings as possible, but as you well know, dates are often decided out of court. I fully accept that on occasions errors may occur, and with such a large number of victims and varying cases, we too miss information at times.

Please can you ensure we are included in any correspondence with the victims and witnesses of all the cases, to ensure a clear line of communication.

Kind Regards,

Alex Le Chevalier
Detective Constable 635

-----Original Message-----

From: Gradwell, Michael
Sent: 04 December 2008 14:33
To: 'John Edmonds'
Cc: Le Chevalier, Alexandra
Subject: RE: Aubin[Scanned]

John

Thank you for this. Alison and I will liaise with the FLO's and Tim Allen accordingly.

Regards

Mick

-----Original Message-----

From: John Edmonds [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 December 2008 14:14
To: Gradwell, Michael; Stephen Baker; Simon Thomas
Cc: Fossey, Alison; Le Chevalier, Alexandra; Tim Allen
Subject: RE: Aubin[Scanned]

Mick

This is our mistake, I'm afraid. As an administrative task, letters were sent from this office to all witnesses in the Donnelly, Aubin and Wateridge cases. It is accepted that we should have been alive to the obvious issues and we apologise.

Might I ask that you provide Tim Allen, the Chief Clerk here, with a list of the various FLO's and the cases/victims for which they are responsible.

Kind Regards

John Edmonds

Principal Legal Adviser
Law Officers Department
States of Jersey

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Gradwell
Sent: 04 December 2008 13:32
To: Stephen Baker; Simon Thomas; John Edmonds
Cc: Alison Fossey; Le Chevalier, Alexandra
Subject: FW: Aubin

Steve

Please can we discuss this at tomorrows meeting.

Thanks

Mick

-----Original Message-----

From: Le Chevalier, Alexandra

Sent: 04 December 2008 12:36
To: Gradwell, Michael
Cc: Alexander, Raymond; Farrell, Sandra
Subject: Aubin

Sir,

As I'm sure you are aware, the most critical time for victims is the time approaching the trial. If victims are going to pull out, it's likely to be once a date is set as the whole thing then becomes very real and moves then onto a completely different level. We have worked really hard at keeping the victims for the impending Aubin trial on board, and have been speaking with them on a fortnightly basis. I was therefore really disappointed to find out from the victims themselves that they had received official letters from the court informing them of the trial date and the necessity for their attendance. Unfortunately, as a result, they have had time to think things over and make up their minds not to go to court. By the time they have contacted us about their decision, it's too late to change their minds. If we had been warned about the date in advance, we could have contacted them and discussed any issues they may have had about the impending trial and alleviated their concerns, and warn them that they will receive a official warning in due course, thus keeping them on board.

I hope this can be rectified prior to any other trial dates being set, and ask that you stress these concerns with the legal team.

Kind regards,

Alex Le Chevalier
Detective Constable 635



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