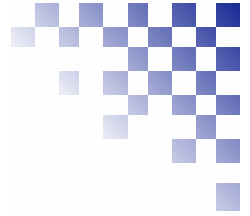




QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



ABDUCTION AND SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A 23 MONTH OLD FEMALE INFANT

\$250,000 REWARD

REWARD: The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport has approved a reward of \$250,000 be offered for information which leads to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the abduction and sexual assault of a 23 month old female infant at Yarrabah on 17 August 2002.

INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION: In addition, an appropriate indemnity from prosecution will be recommended for any accomplice, not being the person who actually committed the crime, who first gives such information.

The allocation of the \$250,000 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Police Service.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

At about 3:00am on Saturday 17 August 2002 a 23 month old female infant was abducted from a residence at Stanley Street, Yarrabah where she was sleeping. The child was taken by foot approximately 300 metres along a dirt track at the rear of Stanley Street. Witnesses observed an unidentified man with the child in his hands. When challenged by the witnesses, the man placed the child on the ground and ran from the scene. Witnesses located the child suffering from serious injuries and she was transported to Cairns Base Hospital for treatment.

Any member of the public with information which could assist Police or know the identity of the offender is asked to contact:

- the Child Protection Investigation Unit, Cairns, Phone (07) 4030 7089;
- any Police Station; or
- Crime Stoppers, Phone 1800 333 000.

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