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**SENSITIVITY: Medium.**

**BACKGROUND:**

A male Australian Defence Force Academy Army Officer Cadet was involved in a physical altercation with a civilian on the weekend 25th-26th September 2010 in Canberra. The Officer Cadet was charged via summons on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 by the Australian Federal Police. The Officer Cadet appeared before the ACT Magistrates Court on the 29th April 2011 where he entered a plea of 'not guilty'. The matter has been referred to the ACT Magistrates Court for the 7th July 2011.

**KEY ISSUES:**

The Officer Cadet has civilian legal representation.

The Officer Cadet will be accompanied by a member of staff from the Australian Defence Force Academy.



are handled in accordance with civilian and military law.

- ADFA will continue to support the authorities in their investigation.

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