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ISSUE: Army Member Arrested for Alleged Indecent Assault on a Minor

SENSITIVITY: The media is not aware of this incident.

KEY ISSUES:

• Late on 23 November 2011, a South Australian-based soldier was arrested by the South Australian Police for undisclosed offence/s.
• On 25 November 2011 Defence was able to confirm that the member was charged with Indecent Assault on a Minor at the Police Station.
• The member has been granted bail and is to attend a Committal Hearing on 10 January 2012.
• Defence is unaware of the detailed circumstances surrounding the allegation.
• Member is being provided Legal support through a Civilian Lawyer.
• Member is posted to the
• Defence is cooperating with the South Australian Police Service and supporting the ADF member.
TALKING POINTS: Arrest for Alleged Indecent Assault on a Minor

- Defence can confirm that a Soldier has been arrested and charged by the South Australian Police for an alleged indecent assault on a minor in South Australia.

- The Soldier was granted bail and released back to Defence with prescriptive restrictions.

- The Soldier is to appear at Court for a Committal Hearing on 10 January 2012.

- The Australian Defence Force Investigative Service is supporting the South Australian Police Service in this matter.

- As the matter is before the Court, it is inappropriate to make any further comments.