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Kyneton Police

Inspector No. 3 Division

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Kyneton

SUBJECT: THOMPSON Glen, action taken re problem with land in Edgecombe Road, Kyneton, during October 1985.

1. At about 4.15pm on 27.10.85, whilst I was on a mobile patrol with S/C McCULLOCH of Kyneton, I received a radio message to attend at Edgecombe Road, Kyneton, in relation to some sort of dispute between persons at that address. I arrived at the scene at about 4.25pm. On arriving I observed that a fire truck was parked on the nature strip near the entrance to a property known as Woodleigh Heights Estate. I also saw that there was a sign erected on the nature strip, advertising land.
2. I then held a conversation with a person who introduced himself to me as Glen Thompson. Mr Thompson told me that the dispute was over the sign which he had erected on the nature strip. At this time I am unable to recall our exact conversation but it was basically that after he (Thompson) had erected the sign in question, persons connected with Woodleigh Heights estate had driven the fire truck up to it and had threatened to knock it down. He further told me that it had only been through the actions of his wife, who had stood in the path of the truck, that had prevented the sign from being knocked down.
3. I then attended in the offices of the estate and had a conversation with Stephen STOKES, the manager of the estate. Stokes told me that he wanted the sign that Thompson erected moved as it was near the entrance to the estate, and that he did not want it there. I informed Mr Stokes that if he felt aggrieved by the erection of the sign, the best course would be to approach the Kyneton council, as to the best of my knowledge, it was the council who had the authority to grant or deny permission to erect signs on nature strips. I then warned him as to the consequences of any breach of the peace over the matter.
4. I then once again had a conversation with Mr Thompson, and told him of my conversation with Mr Stokes. I then told him that my warning to Mr Stokes in relation to any breach of the peace was equally applicable to him, and that he should apply to the council for permission to erect the sign. I asked him if he wished to take further action in relation to the events which had occurred earlier and he stated that he did not.
5. Senior Constable McCulloch and myself then left the scene.

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