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“New” Pell Allegations Not a Revelation

Allegations about Cardinal George Pell to be broadcast on the ABC program *Revelation* are not "new".

They were made to the police in 2016-2017.

Cardinal Pell emphatically denied the allegations when interviewed by the police about them.

Magistrate Belinda Wallington granted leave for both allegations to be tested at a Committal Hearing.

The ABC has named the complainants.

A day was booked for ‘B’s’ allegation to be tested. Before that could occur, these allegations were withdrawn by the prosecution.

The second complainant, ‘PC’s’ allegation was tested at committal. The Director of Public Prosecutions later determined not to proceed with the matter to trial and discontinued the charge. This decision was made prior to Chief Judge Kidd's tendency ruling.

Cardinal Pell has always said he is innocent of all and any allegations of sexual abuse.

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