

Appendix 2. Sample Antecedent Report

Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary

Antecedent Report

Station.....

Date.....

Offence for which committed	Date when accused taken into custody
Baptismal name	Native name
Father's name	aliases (if any)
Village	Subdistrict

1. Age and place of birth
District
2. How frequently is accused's area patrolled
3. Recent history and degree of Administration influence in accused's area
4. How close is the nearest Supreme Court town to accused's area (distance and walking time)
Name of town
5. How close is the nearest mission station to the accused's village (distance and walking time)
6. Name of mission and when established
7. Has the accused come under mission influence and if so, how long and to what extent
8. Character and standing of accused's parents
9. Accused's home life, upbringing and environment
10. Accused's character whilst at school
11. Has accused received any education
and if so, where

12. Standard of education attained by accused
Accused's degree of intelligence, and accused's mentality (normal or otherwise)
13. Particulars of accused's employment since leaving school
14. Particulars of accused's service (if any) in the Defence Forces and conduct whilst a member of such Forces.
15. Marital Status. If married, date and place of marriage/s.
Whether by native custom or by a mission

Number of children and age of each child

Whether or not accused is living with and supporting his wife/wives and family/families (if not particulars of circumstances under which living and why separate)
16. Circumstances of extenuation generally
17. Circumstances of aggravation generally
18. Accused's associates. If accused charged conjointly, particulars as to whether the accused was the principal offender or not
19. Does local custom have any special attitude to the crime charged (such attitudes may include complete indifference or abhorrence)
20. Special remarks (where special factors involving general circumstances, environment, special belief or superstitions may have bearing on the commission of the crime)
21. Has accused any other prior convictions. If so, state nature of conviction, showing date, court, charge and result
22. Brief summary of each offence of which accused has been convicted, being of a like nature to that which is the basis of the present charge
Age when first convicted Has accused been fingerprinted

Have fingerprints been sent to Criminal Investigation Bureau
23. Other relevant particulars

Officer

Six copies of the Antecedent Report must be completed, as far as possible by the arresting officer, as soon as the accused has been committed. He will forward the report to the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Port Moresby for checking and onward transmission to the Crown Solicitor, Port Moresby or (where the offence is committed in the New Guinea Islands) to the Deputy Crown Solicitor in Rabaul.

Source: This form was copied from one of the many pre-Independence Crown Prosecution files I studied in the National Archives, Port Moresby.

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