



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



DERAILMENT OF THE WESTLANDER TRAIN

\$50,000 REWARD

REWARD: The Minister for Police and Corrective Services has approved a reward of \$50,000 be offered for information which leads to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the derailment of the 'Westlander' train at Bindango Railway Siding on 6 November 1987.

INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION: In addition, an appropriate indemnity from prosecution will be recommended for any accomplice, not being the person who actually committed the crime, who first gives such information.

The allocation of the \$50,000 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Police Service.

CIRCUMSTANCES: At about 5.30 a.m. on Friday 6 November 1987, the 'Westlander' train was derailed at Bindango Siding between Hodgson and Muckadilla, approximately 25 km west of Roma.

In the resulting fire, an infant, David Timothy Frank Smit, was burnt to death.

Investigations into the cause of the derailment revealed that the point equipment which directs trains from the main line to the siding had been changed by human intervention.

Any member of the public with information which could assist Police is asked to contact:

- the Criminal Investigation Branch, Roma, Phone (07) 4622 9333;
- any Police Station; or
- Crime Stoppers, Phone 1800 333 000.

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