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## Police to wrap up Brethren sex case in 2 weeks

Police investigating sexual assault claims by five former members of the Exclusive Brethren hope for "some sort of resolution within the next couple of weeks".

Tasman police district commander Superintendent Grant O'Fee told NZPA police were looking at "covering all the basics before taking it any further".



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"I would like to think we would be looking at some sort of resolution within in the next couple of weeks, but it's very difficult to say," he said.

The women were allegedly abused by a Nelson member of the Exclusive Brethren between the early 1950s and the early 1980s.

Police had only finished interviewing the fifth of the women in the past few days, after police had earlier received complaints from three of the women.

The accused, a senior member of the secretive sect, was now in his 70s. He was alleged to have abused the women when they were between five and 10 years old.

Because the alleged sex attacks took place decades ago, it made investigating the case more difficult and took more time, Mr O'Fee said.

"It's not just a matter of sitting down for 20 minutes and taking a statement off someone.

"At the moment, we are talking to people who were around, corroborating the versions of events as they were given to us," he said.

Last month, Australia-based Exclusive Brethren troubleshooter Tony McCorkell came to New Zealand to look into the claims.

During his visit, Mr McCorkell said the accused abuser should feel the full force of the law if the allegations against him were proven.

However, he urged the public to give the man the benefit of being considered innocent until proven guilty.

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