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## STATES:

1. I am a member of the Institute of Marist Brothers. I was born in 1928 and I have been a Marist Brother since 1947. At the time of my profession I adopted the religious name of "Brother Cyrus". I have been known by that name and title from that time.
2. Since I entered the Order my appointments have included postings at a variety of Marist Brothers establishments. At the present time I am retired at the Marist Brothers Andrew Villa at Ashgrove in Brisbane.
3. From 1972 until 1980 I was the Brother Superior of the Marist Brothers Community at Eastwood and for the last four years I was also the Principal of the Secondary School. Brother Gregory Sutton came to Eastwood in 1978 and remained until the end of 1979. He taught Year 5 in the Primary School. The other Brothers that would have had the most contact with Brother Gregory during those years would probably have been those who worked with him in the Primary School. That would have been Brothers Bernard Giuliani, who I believe is now at North Sydney, Brother Norman Keyes, who is deceased and Brother Brian Blayney, who left the Order.
4. Brother Brian Blayney was the Principal of the Primary School. I taught in the secondary school so I did not have a lot of contact with Brother Gregory during school

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hours, other than the occasional visit to his class room. However, we did live together in the Brother's residence so I had daily contact with him.

5. Brother Gregory did not exhibit any tendencies or express any views which struck me as unusual or a cause for concern. He did appear to be more immature than his colleagues and somewhat childish in his interests. For example, he had a model train set in his classroom and frequently had the trains running around during his classes.
6. While it did not raise my suspicions at the time I did observe that Brother Gregory took some of the boys in his class out for drives in his motor car. With hindsight I would now regard such behaviour as something to be regarded with concern, something that should be investigated, something that the Brother should be warned against. At the time I saw it as indicative of Brother Gregory's immaturity that he preferred the company of small boys to that of adults.
7. At no time did I ever received a complaint from a parent, a Brother, a student or anyone else that suggested that Brother Gregory was sexually involved with one of his students or had acted improperly in any way. No one ever expressed to me that they had any suspicions about the manner in which Brother Gregory conducted himself with respect to his students. No one ever told me that they had seen him kissing or hugging any of the children.
8. Brother Brian Blayney mentioned to me on one occasion that Brother Gregory kept the door of his class room locked, which was something none of the other teachers did. As he said I understood him to mean that you could

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not just walk into the class room to see what was going on. I am sure that Brother Brian meant it as a reflection on Brother Gregory's teaching ability and was suggesting he kept the door locked so no one could make a quick check on his lesson progress. I am sure it was not said as a complaint or as expressing a suspicion that Brother Gregory might be engaged in some improper activity. I assumed that he was locking the door because he was worried that some of the children might interfere with his train set.

9. I have been informed that Brother Gregory pleaded guilty fo sexual offences with three boys while he was at Eastwood. The boys involved were ADX [redacted], ADV [redacted] and REDACTED [redacted]. I do not remember any of those boys. It do recall that REDACTED [redacted] had an alder brother that I knew, REDACTED [redacted]. I could not remember the names of any of the boys that Brother Gregory took for rides in his motor car.

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