

STATEMENT

I, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] state:

1. I found a tape in [ADC]'s bedroom during 1981 and played it and found that the language used was disgusting in that I didn't believe at that time, that a ten-year-old boy would know about such things. The tape was made, using [ADC]'s voice, which I can recall was descriptive of young girls and which referred in part to "young girls' little buds". I didn't play the tape through as I was disgusted by the contents. I was very concerned about it and took the same to a Brother Bernard Murphy, who was the Provincial of the Monastery (in charge of the Brothers) who I knew very well and who, I felt was a mature and sensible person to advise me on how to handle this matter. I told him that I was sure that the language used shocked me and that I felt it couldn't have come from [ADC]. [ADC] was very small and immature for his age. He took the tape to listen and subsequently to advise me on what to do about it. When I approached Br. Bernard a week or so later, he told me that he had heard "better than that in the playground". At this, I showed shock and disbelief and asked him for the tape back and he said "No, you don't need it" and he kept it.
2. At another time and I cannot tell you when, I was washing and noticed that [ADC] had a blood stain on his underpants. I questioned him about it, thinking there may have been a medical problem and he told me it was nothing and I told him that I would take him to the Doctor if it continued. I know that these underpants were very small in size and that he would not have been older than say, 10 or 11.
3. [ADC] was an extremely difficult child, having bouts of uncontrollable anger and violence. He was violent both to me and to his sister, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has since told me that she was afraid of him whenever I went out and she was alone with him. She said that a lot of his behaviour and conversation had sexual connotations, but that he never interfered with her in any way (She would have been 6 or 7 onwards at the time). ([REDACTED] never ever told me any of this). I asked her last week whether he had ever violated her sexually. She said recently she thought that was how all boys behaved and didn't take a lot of notice of him. Regarding his violence to his sister, at one stage, my sister and her husband and the children visited us and after they left, I just could not control him and I had warned him that if he was violent again, I would ring the Police. He tested me and I telephoned the Police, two of whom came, one was a young lady and the other a man from Woden (I believe). [ADC] shut himself up in his bedroom and they could not get him out. The Policeman threatened to knock the door down if he didn't come out and was about to do so, when I stopped him and told him I would have to pay for the repair of the door. Eventually [ADC] did come out and that was at around 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. Nothing was achieved by their visit.
4. Whenever I had visitors, [ADC] would react violently and be very angry, so much so that I was very embarrassed. He tried desperately to ruin all my relationships with other people. I thought it was jealousy and always tried to ignore it, apologising always to my friends for his behaviour. This type of behaviour always showed through with my family, friends, neighbours and whoever came to the house. I tried the usual forms of punishment, deprivation, shutting him in his room and then positive reinforcement like giving him extra attention, extra love. I used to take him fishing at Yarralumla Bay after school and we'd have a picnic as I thought that doing things just for him made him happy and he would behave better. I think he set about to have everyone absolutely hate him and in lots of cases, he achieved that. He tried several times to drive a wedge between [REDACTED] and myself and [REDACTED]'s daughters and son never ever were able to wear him. This still remains the case to-day. [REDACTED] tolerates him well and is and always has been very forgiving.

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One night, after the [REDACTED] family (my sister, husband [REDACTED], and family) visited and [ADC] was particularly angry after they left. He was violent towards me and I told him I would call the Police. I think he was about 13. He persisted and I had to carry out the threat. He bailed himself in his room and would not allow them entry. One was a lady and a gentleman from Woden Police (Juvenile Squad). At about 2 or 3 a.m. the man told him he was going to break the door down if he didn't come out. I told the Policem not to do that as I would have to pay for it. [ADC] eventually came out by himself, but nothing was resolved.