

NSW Police Service

**STATEMENT OF A WITNESS**

**In the matter of:** Police -v Darcy John O'SULLIVAN  
**Location:** Ballina Police Station  
**Date:** 29 February, 2016

**Name:** Thomas William CHAPMAN

**STATES:**

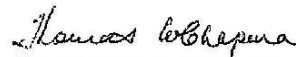
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness.
2. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
3. I am 72 years of age.
4. I was ordained as a Catholic Priest on the 8 August, 1970. The first parish to which I was assigned was the Casino Parish. I was there until 1974 when I transferred to St Francis Xavier at Ballina as the Assistant Priest. Father Dean REDFORD was the Parish Priest. At the end of 1982 I returned to Casino until Mid 1983. I was the Assistant Priest at St Mary's Church in casino Father John RELIHAN was the Parish Priest.
5. In Mid 1983 I transferred to Dorrigo as a Parish Priest until I transferred to St Joseph's Church at Coraki. I remained as the Parish Priest at St Joseph's until 1994, when I transferred to St Anthony's Church at Kingscliff where I was the Parish Priest until 2004. I retired in June or August, 2004.
6. I think I commenced as an unofficial Police Chaplain when I transferred to Ballina in 1974. Father Ray SMITH was the Parish Priest at Wardell and he looked after the Police. I took over from Father SMITH when he became too old.

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Michael Barry SMITH  
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7. About 5pm on Monday the 22 February, 2016 I had a conversation with Detective Senior Constable Belinda MORRIS. The conversation related to Brother Dominic or Darcy O'SULLIVAN.
8. I have known Brother Dominic since about 1982. I am not sure whether he was school Principal at St Mary's High School but he was teaching there. I do not know what subjects he taught. I recall Brother Dominic attending Church at St Mary's. At the time I was the Assistant Priest and Father RELIHAN, the Parish Priest was also the Chaplain to the High School. I did not have much to do with the Brother's as Father RELIHAN ran a very tight ship. We were not allowed to talk to the Nuns or the Brothers.
9. Whilst I was the Assistant Priest at St Mary's in 1982 and 1983 I did not take any students on any excursions.
10. As I didn't have much to do with the High School I do not recall who the Principal or Deputy Principal was in 1982 or 1983. I do recall that a lay teacher, John HAMILTON may have been Deputy Principal in 1983. I did not have any conversations with John HAMILTON about Brother Dominic.
11. I have never taken any school children on excursions to Sydney or to Kings Cross Police Station.
12. I knew Brother Dominic in 1982 and 1983 whilst I was at the Casino Parish. Since then I have seen him on a couple of occasions between 1994 and 2004 at Mass in Pottsville, when he was visiting his sister [REDACTED]. I have never heard of any allegations against Brother Dominic. I have also never witnessed any inappropriate behaviour by Brother Dominic.
13. I can recall about two years ago I either read in the media or heard about allegations of sexual misconduct by Brother Dominic. I was quite shocked when I found out about the allegations.

Witness:

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Michael Barry SMITH  
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