



NSW POLICE FORCE

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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of:	Brother DOMINIC
Place:	Goodna Police Station
Date:	25 May 2015

Name:	REDACTED
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STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. 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 will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 57 years of age.
3. On the 15th July 1996, I attended Goodna Police Station (Queensland) with my son CNO REDACTED regarding Brother DOMINIC touching CNO inappropriately whilst he was a student of St Peter Claver College, Riverview. At the time I provided a 2 page statement to Detective BENNETT from Goodna CIB. I have been provided a copy of this statement and I have read its contents. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I am willing for it to be used as my evidence in Court as a witness.

Exhibit: I now produce my 2 page statement I provided to Goodna Police on 15th July 1996.

4. In April 2015, I received a call from Detective MORRIS from Newcastle Detectives in relation to Brother DOMINIC. As a result of this conversation I made arrangements to attend Goodna Police Station to make this statement.
5. I have been asked by Detective GROB of my memory of the conversation I had with Paul BLUNDELL, the Deputy Principal of the school at the time I approached him in relation to

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Brother DOMINIC. In relation to this, I can recall attending Mr BLUNDELL's office on my own and I told him that CNO came home and told me Brother Dominic had been touching him inappropriately. I remember Mr BLUNDELL was completely shocked and told me that Brother DOMINIC was a good person and just loved kids. There were no other persons present in the office at the time.

I recall Mr BLUNDELL said *"He's not like that at all and he would not do anything to hurt children."*

I remember I said to him *"I am worried because this has happened on previous occasions."*

Mr BLUNDELL again reiterated to me that he has known Brother DOMINIC for years and he's not that type of person, and would not do anything to hurt children.

6. Mr BLUNDELL advised me that he would speak to Brother DOMINIC regarding the allegation. He made no indication of taking it any further than that other than speaking with him. Mr BLUNDELL offered me the opportunity to speak personally with Brother DOMINIC about the complaint, however I declined his offer and left the matter in his hands to deal with. I believe I did advise Mr BLUNDELL that we were speaking with Police. After making the complaint to Mr BLUNDELL, I did not get any feedback from him in relation to how the school dealt with my complaint.
7. I have been asked by Detective GROB as to what occurred with the formal complaint made to Goodna Police on the 15th July 1996, and the subsequent investigation. I can recall some days after making the complaint to Police, the officers that I made the complaint to came to my house to update me. I can't remember if CNO was present during this conversation with Police. I remember the Police advised me that Brother DOMINIC had been spoken to. I asked them if any further complaints had been made of a similar nature regarding Brother DOMINIC. I believe they told me that there were no further complaints. The officers asked me what action I would like taken against Brother DOMINIC. I asked them whether to pursue the matter further or not. They would not give me any indication, influence, or advice of what I should do and

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advised me the decision was solely mine. I informed them that I needed a few days to think about it. The officers asked me to contact them after I had a think about it.

8. I recall the following week I attended Goodna Police Station on my own and I spoke to one of the Detectives. I can't remember which Detective I spoke to. I advised them that I didn't wish to pursue the matter any further. This decision was based on the fact that no further complaint had been made in relation to Brother DOMINIC, and I believed Mr BLUNDELL was quite sincere when he told me he didn't believe Brother DOMINIC was that type of person. I didn't want to drag CNO any further into it because of his age at the time. I was satisfied upon speaking to Police and the school, that the action taken to date was satisfactory. I told the officers if CNO had any further incidents at school with Brother DOMINIC I would reconsider.

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