

TRANSCRIPT OF [REDACTED] S STATEMENT TO EILEEN YOUNG
4/06/02

LT [REDACTED] is 28 years old. She left St. Ann's in 1992/3
 REDA [REDACTED] has had police contact re past disclosures but does not want her daughter to be involved in an evidentiary interview. (Bernie Farrington was their police contact person)

REDAC [REDACTED] is living at Marion. She moved out of home 2 years ago. She is receiving counseling and lives with her sister. LT [REDACTED] has had nightmares but this is a recent development. LT [REDACTED] is feeling vulnerable having moved out on her own and the nightmares may be related to this move.

I knew that Brian Perkins was messing about with her in the computer class and spoke to Martin Aarsten. LH [REDACTED] touched her inappropriately in Woodwork. I spoke to Claude at the time. LT [REDACTED] doesn't remember the BP stuff and LH [REDACTED] was a student so where does that leave her with Towards Healing.

LT [REDACTED] was in work experience at the time and having Sex Education Lessons at school and in the course of discussion. LT [REDACTED] is a worrier and doesn't talk about things, keeps them to herself unless you draw it out of her. How does a mother cope with this information? "Why didn't I know?"

LH [REDACTED] just went on and on even after Martin dealt with it. LT [REDACTED] has only shared this with REDA [REDACTED] lately.

LT [REDACTED] has LT [REDACTED] She has LT [REDACTED] and intellectual disability.

Towards Healing Avenue: I am coming forward as a St. Ann's parent to say that my daughter is unsettled and needing counseling.

Eileen said that she could make a TH statement and it would be sent to the Archbishop. The statement would not be sent on to the Police.

When compensation happens I wouldn't want to regret not having done it. Eg: Chain reaction Brain Perkins > LH [REDACTED] > LT [REDACTED]. Therefore her daughter was harassed as a consequence on BP abuse of LH [REDACTED].

Pauline Verity has an arrangement for parental Counselling and is able to offer this to RED [REDACTED].

Anne Carolin
 6/05/03

My name is [REDACTED], wife of [REDACTED] and mother of four daughters, the youngest is [REDACTED]

Background

[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] /73 with [REDACTED]. Some of the characteristics of this syndrome that [REDACTED] experiences are:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] intellectual disability
- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] attended St. Ann's Special School from 1983 to 1993. She had the following teachers

- [REDACTED] - 1983 to 1986
- Martin Aartsen - 1987 to 1989
- [REDACTED] - 1990 to 1991
- [REDACTED] - 1992 to 1993
- Brian Perkins - woodworking

During [REDACTED]'s time at St. Ann's I was very involved with the school community.

- I helped out with [REDACTED]
- I was very involved in the fund raising
- I was chairperson of the Parents and Friends Association.

I was at the school a lot and had a good relationship with all the teachers.

Events whilst at St Ann's

I cannot put a date to this event but I do remember that it was as [REDACTED] was starting to develop breasts. [REDACTED] came to me and said that while in the woodwork shed with Brian Perkins, she was on his knee and he felt for her breasts. I reported this to Claude Hamman. I can remember standing in the staff room talking to Claude. I cannot remember what was said, but I do remember thinking that maybe [REDACTED] had misinterpreted what happened. I presume no action was taken as woodwork with Brian continued. [REDACTED] cannot now remember this event.

Obviously I was not happy about the outcome as I talked about this to our good friend and Parish Priest he asked me "Would [REDACTED] know?" I remember the great pain of the loss of [REDACTED] ability. This does not compare now with the pain of my having doubted my child.

While [REDACTED] was in Martin Aartsen's class [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would be sent off to work together on the computer, in the computer room. The room was quite small, just off the classroom. I do not remember if the room had a window from the classroom, but the door was into the room.

I remember [REDACTED] telling me that [REDACTED] wanted to touch her inappropriately and he wanted her to touch his genitalia while in the computer room. I reported this to Martin. I cannot remember much of the discussion but the computer lessons continued.

Nightmares

LT used to say quite strongly, (even well into her 20s) that she never wanted to have a boy friend nor did she ever want to get married. I used to think that this was a maturity thing, and wondered why she still thought that.

LT and her sister REDACT, who is 4½ yrs older than her and also has REDACT REDACTED, moved out of our home in May 2000. They live together with support from RED and I.

Not long after moving LT told me about the nightmares she kept having, of someone following her and wanting to rape her. We talked long about making herself safe.

Shortly after, REDACT rang one Saturday morning quite upset, she could not pacify LT. She was crying and crying because of the nightmare that just kept repeating itself about her sexual abuse at St. Ann's. I was surprised as I thought this had stopped and been dealt with years before.

LT sat with RE, REDACT and myself and told us LH had continued to touch her, even when they both had moved onto REDACTED's class. During lunch times, LH would get her to come with him into the classroom where his activities continued. He told her that if she told anyone she would really be hurt. LH touching progressed to his putting his penis into LT's mouth.

She told us that one lunch time Martin came into the classroom. She was so relieved as she thought now it finally would all stop, but Martin asked what they were doing in there and sent them out. LT was extremely upset at this and felt like the teacher had let her down.

LT was very worried that as she had now told us, she was very unsafe. She spoke of her fear of ever meeting LH on the street, of what he could or would do to her, and were all boys like this.

Counseling

LT needed help to deal with this. I contacted IDSC to get a councilor for her. The caseworker said she could do this, but once again I should have listened to my instincts. This person was not qualified and LT found she could not talk to this person. Later she said it helped her more to talk to me.

In 2002 I heard from a parent of St. Ann's about what Brian Perkins had done to other children at the school. It was then that I contacted the Church, and thank God, LT has been receiving counseling from Monique Gillisen, a qualified psychologist.

Monique has been working hard with LT about making her own decisions and not allowing others to have the control. LT is still very wary of boys and the idea of a boy friend still is a worry, but she is learning skills that are helping her to mature and become more confident.

My Feelings

I believe that a mother's first priority is to care for and protect the children that God has given her. It is difficult to have a child born to you with problems you cannot fix. When you have two children with problems, you cannot help but question God's ways. My confidence as a mother has been truly shaken when I realize I did not see that my child was being abused or having problems that I may have been able to prevent if I had known.

I know that LH was badly abused by Brian Perkins. I know LH has an intellectual disability. I also know abused children often become abusers unless they get help. This does not excuse LH, nor is there any excuse for the teachers at the school. We trusted them with our child. I told them of my fears when I found out something was wrong. They obviously did not do enough to fix the problem nor followed up with either LT or myself. If you do not listen to a child, should you have them in your safekeeping?