



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



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Occurrence #: _____

Statement no.: _____ Date: _____

Statement of

Name of witness: LONG, Catherine Leigh

Date of birth: 07/12/1950 Age: 58 Occupation: Learning Support Teacher

Police officer taking statement

Name of police officer: MCCUSKER, Paul Francis

Rank: DSS

Reg. no.: 6678

Region/Command/Division: SOUTHERN

Station: TOOWOOMBA CIB

Statement:

Catherine Leigh LONG states:

I am a female person, 58 years of age, and I am currently employed as Learning Support Teacher at RED the primary school in Toowoomba. I have been employed in this position for about six(6) years.


Part of my duties at the school is as a Student Protection Officer.

In this role I am open to both children and parents from the school community to be approached in regard to student safety. I have acted in this role for the past three years.


I know a person named Terence HAYES. Terence HAYES was the school principal during 2007 and up to his taking of leave during 2008.

I know a person named Gerry BYRNES. Gerry BRYNES was employed as a teacher at the school during 2007 and 2008.

I recall an incident on the 6th day of September 2007.


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It was a Thursday and I was at the school attending to my normal duties.

I recall that a few days prior to this Terry HAYES spoke to me and asked me to be at a meeting which was planned for that date. I was aware that a [KQ] was going to be at the meeting. In general terms Terry HAYES told me that [KQ] wished to tell us what his daughter had told him about something she had said at home.

I recall that on this date I went to the office in the afternoon at about 3.45pm and I think it was not long after I arrived [KQ] came into the room. At first there was myself, Terry HAYES and [RED] [KQ] in the room.

[KQ] told us certain things and I made notes in a work book as to what he told us.


As best I can recall [KQ] said that he and his family were relocating to Brisbane and he needed to alert us as to what [KH] had said at home. He went on to say something like [KH] sometimes feels uncomfortable with Mr BYRNES. He also asked Terry whether he had received any other complaints about Mr BYRNES.

Terry replied that he had not.


Terry HAYES then invited [KH] into the room to hear it from her.

[KH] then came into the room and we all remained there and she then spoke to us.

Terry did say to her that it was good that she could come and talk to us and not to be worried. Terry then asked [KH] to tell us what she had told her father.


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I have had the opportunity to look over the notes which I made of this conversation and although they do not have the exact words used by KH they are a correct account of her version of events.

Terry asked her to demonstrate what happened. She was asked to pretend that her father was Mr BYRNES and show us what he did.

She was asked this after she described each incident involving Mr BYRNES.

I saw KH stand to her fathers right hand side and she placed his right arm around her shoulder and sat it so that his flat hand was on her chest above her breast with his finger tips inside her button up sports top.

His hand was horizontal on her chest.


When she was asked to demonstrate her statement about Mr BRYNES hand being up her skirt she position of her fathers hand on her leg. Her father was sitting on a chair and she was standing up. She placed her fathers hand around the back of her legs and rested the flat of his hand on the outside of her right thigh.

As best I can recall KH was wearing either her sports uniform or normal school uniform.

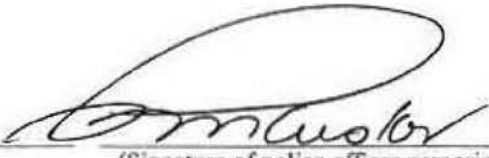
I only recall his hand resting on the outside of her skirt whether she was wearing her sports uniform or her normal school uniform.

I also made notes about KH saying that Mr BRYNES had kissed KA and another incident involving KA.

During the conversation we enforced the point with KH that she could talk to us at any time and that she was very brave and we thanked her for coming to see us.


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KH [] was then told she could leave the room and Terry and I spoke to KQ [].

Terry told KQ [] that he would be contacting the Catholic Education Office and informing them of this information. KQ [] was told by Terry that he had every right to go to the police with this information and KQ [] replied something like I don't need to do that I have just come to alert you as to what KH [] said. No one else has come to you it is just an alert.

I understood it that KQ [] was happy with the school response and that he was not going to refer it to the police.

KQ [] and his daughter then left the office area leaving Terry HAYES and myself alone.

We then spoke and I then said that I would type up my notes and Terry said that he was going to ring Chris FRY his CEO at the Catholic Education Office.

I then went into another room and typed my notes and then returned and Terry told me that he could not get in contact with FRY but he left him a message with a mobile number.

I provided a copy of my typed notes to Terry and I retained the hand written notes in the work book and a copy of the typed notes.


I am able to tender these notes to the court.

WITNESS LOOKS AT HAND WRITTEN AND TYPED NOTES AND STATES :These are the hand written which I made at the time and typed written notes I made shortly afterwards.

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Over the next week or so Terry would briefly tell me about what was the progress with the CEO and Gerry BYRNES.

About a year or so later Detectives from Toowoomba approached me and I provided them a copy of my notes and held on to the original hand written document.

On Wednesday the 24th day of June 2009 I attended the Toowoomba Police Station and provided this statement in the presence of my solicitor David BURNS, to Detective Senior Sergeant Paul McCUSKER from Toowoomba Criminal Investigations Branch.


C.L.LONG

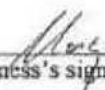
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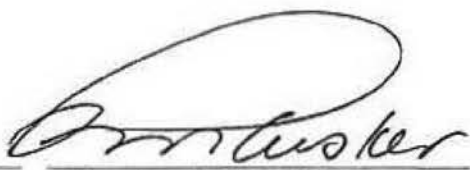
- (1) This written statement by me dated 24/6/09 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 5 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.

.....Signature

Signed at Toowoomba this 24th day of June 2009


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