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STATEMENT in the matter of:
 STEVEN LARKINS - ALLEGED INDECENT
 ASSAULT INVOLVING AC [REDACTED]

Place: Newcastle City
 Detectives Office
 Date : 12 February 1998

Name: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Occupation: Residential Child Care Worker

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

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. 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 to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am [REDACTED] years of age. (Born [REDACTED])

3. I presently reside at [REDACTED]. I live at that address with Steven LARKINS. We have been living together for about two years. We are not involved in any relationship, but just good friends.

4. I am also involved with the Scout Association of Australia as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader. I have been involved in the scouting movement for two years. In those two years I have been the Assistant Scout Leader at Kurri Kurri and now I am the Assistant Cub Scout Leader at the 1st Mannering Park. My duties as a Cub Scout Leader include running meetings each week, taking cubs to regional activities and occasionally camping.

5. Whilst I was attached to the Kurri Kurri Scout group we attended a camp at Newcastle involving the 2nd Newcastle Scout Group. This camp was held between the 21st to the 23rd of February, 1997. I was at this camp that I first met AC [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Name: [REDACTED]

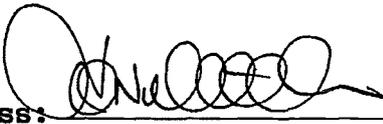
[AC] was a member of the 2nd Newcastle Scout Group.

6. I again met [AC] and his friend [REDACTED] when they stayed out our house at [REDACTED] in March 1997. At this point in time Steven LARKINS and I were living at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I went with Steven to pick the two boys up from their homes at Stockton. They were staying with us overnight prior to going to a fun day at Nords Wharf. Steven at this time was in the 2nd Newcastle Scout Group as an Assistant Scout Leader of something of a similar nature.

7. It is not normal for scouts or cubs to stay with us or at any Scout Leaders home. Normally we all would stay at the hall but in this case because of the distances involved in travelling, only two scouts attending and with the parents permission both [AC] and [REDACTED] stayed with us. On this occasion both boys slept on mattresses on the floor in Steven's room.

8. On March 22, 1997, the 1st Mannering Park Cubs had invited Steven and I to go to [REDACTED] with them. The 2nd Newcastle Scout Group had also been invited to go as well, which included [AC] and [REDACTED]. I don't know why [REDACTED] decided not to go but Steven and I picked up [AC] from [REDACTED] on the 22nd and drove back to [REDACTED]. When we arrived at [REDACTED] we found out that the 1st Mannering Park was not going to the activity as planned. Steven then rang [AC]'s mother and made some arrangements. [AC] stayed that night and slept as I am aware on a mattress on the floor in Steven's bedroom.

9. The next time I saw [AC] it was at the Jamborette at [REDACTED] high school. [AC] has not stayed at our place since

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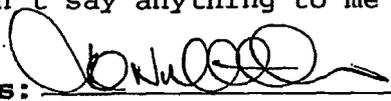
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Name: REDACTED [REDACTED]

the night in March. I have not seen AC [REDACTED] since the Jamborette.

10. On March 22, 1997, when AC [REDACTED] stayed the door to Steven's room was always left open. Steven had a separate bed in his room and there was some distance between Steven's bed and the mattress that AC [REDACTED] was occupying. Nothing unusual happened that night which I can remember. I was the last into bed and the first out. I can't remember anything happening that night. I was up during the night and the toilet door was open all the time that I can remember.

11. When I saw AC [REDACTED] the next morning he appeared to be okay and he didn't say anything to me or indicate that anything was wrong.

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Signature: REDACTED [REDACTED]