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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of: AAFC – Christopher ADAMS sexual assault matters

Place: Penrith Police Station

Date: 31 July 2015

Name: Sharon O'DONNELL

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 53 years of age.
3. I am a Staff Officer – Ground Training with the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC). I have held the position for the past two years and have been with the AAFC for ten years. I have previously held the positions of Training Officer Staff, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator for NSW/ACT and Training Officer – Operations. I receive an allowance for the work that I do with the AAFC however it is not a paid role.
4. As a part of my duties I have access to the AAFC records of AAFC staff and cadets. A number of documents have been provided to police regarding Christopher ADAMS, CJH
CJH CJG and CJE including AAFC Records of Training, photographs, Notice of Resignation, AAFC Behaviour Policy and Staff Code of Conduct, AAFC Directive Email – Inappropriate and Unacceptable Relationship between Staff and Cadets, AAFC Service Transcripts, AAFC Records of Conversation, AAFC Record of Enquiries and AAFC Position Descriptions. I am authorised to access these documents and to forward them to police.
5. I was advised that there were sexual assault allegations against Christopher ADAMS in June 2013. I was told verbally by Wayne LAYCOCK who is Officer Commanding that there was sexual assault against Christopher ADAMS on the 14 June 2013 and was advised that I would

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be part of the initial investigation. I was notified in writing on the 15 June 2013 of the allegations. As a part of my duties I did an initial investigation to see if the allegations could be substantiated. I spoke with Cadet Sergeant^{CJQ} who had told his Commanding Officer - Flight Lieutenant David MISKOV of allegations that he had been made aware of through Facebook.

6. I have forwarded to Detective Senior Constable WILKS a record of the conversation between Flight Lieutenant David MISKOV and Cadet Sergeant^{CJQ}. This conversation, after being recorded on the 22 May 2013 was forwarded up the chain of command for the AAFC, before being past to me.
7. I spoke with the^{CJE} S Commanding Officer on the 4 June 2013 to advise him of an allegation regarding^{CJE}. I spoke with the parents of^{CJE} on the evening of the 4 June 2013 and notified them that there had been an allegation involving their daughter. I have also contacted^{CJE} and Christopher ADAMS advising them that there had been allegations regarding inappropriate sexual relationships.
8. During the conversation with^{CJE} I notified her of a number of things including that she would be interviewed and that she would need a support person. During the initial conversation with^{CJE} she did not acknowledge or deny that an incident had occurred.
^{CJE} rang me back about an hour later and said, "^{CJG} is involved also"

I said, "What are you trying to tell me?"

^{CJE} said, "I will be fully cooperative and tell the whole truth at the interview".

9. On the 5 June 2013 I had a conversation with Christopher ADAMS and notified him of the allegation. On the 13 June 2013 I had further conversation with ADAMS who said, " No, it did not occur"

I said, "Did you say you did not have a sexual relationship with a cadet at promotion course?"


ADAMS said, "I did not"

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10. I have then had another conversation with ^{CJE} I said, "What is your initial response to the allegation...Did you have sex with the said male staff member?"

^{CJE} said, "Yes"

I said, "Was another party involved?"

^{CJE} said, "Not at the time but on another occasion"

I said, "Did you send a Facebook message to anyone recently?"

^{CJE} said, "No. I sent one to ^{CJG} just after promos"

11. I had a conversation with Cadet Sergeant ^{CJQ} on the 12 June 2013 which I recorded. I received a printout of a Facebook conversation between ^{CJE} and an unknown person. I have forwarded the Record of Interview and Facebook message to Detective Senior Constable WILKS.

12. On the 15 June 2013 I had a conversation with ^{CJG}. I said, "You have been implicated in engaging in sexual activity with a male staff member on the January promotion course and/or the GST. Is this true?"

^{CJG} said, "No"

I said, "I will reword that, did you have sex with a male staff member on the January promotion course and/or the GST?"


^{CJG} said, "No"

13. Later that evening ^{CJR} – the mother of ^{CJG} phones and put the phone on loud speaker with ^{CJG}. During the conversation ^{CJG} said, "I had sexual intercourse with a male staff member on the January promotion course at Williamtown GST in April"

I said, "Can you name the staff member?"

^{CJG} said, "Chris ADAMS"

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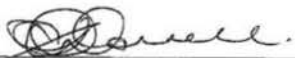
14. On the 20 June 2015 I had a further conversation with Christopher ADAMS regarding him needing a support person for his interview. During the conversation ADAMS said, "I have had prior allegations before"

15. From that point the investigation was passed onto Darren BANFIELD who is the Executive Officer – South for the AAFC. Darren has done a lot of different investigations and this was the first investigation that I had been involved in, so it was decided by the Officer Commanding that due to the nature of the investigation it would be preferable for Darren to investigate.

16. I have not met Christopher ADAMS, ^{CJG} ^{CJE} or ^{CJH} _{CJH} outside of AAFC. I have met them through General Service Training and Courses but have had no involvement with them outside of this. I do not believe that I have met or spoken with ^{CJH}

17. I have handed Detective Senior Constable WILKS a copy of all of the documentation that I have in relation to the investigations into matters pertaining to Christopher ADAMS including the Record of Conversation that I had with the involved parties.

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