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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Place: Newcastle

Indecent Assault

Police Station

AC (Victim)

Date : 15 January 1998

Name:

AB

Address:

REDACTED

Tel. No.:

Occupation:

REDACTED

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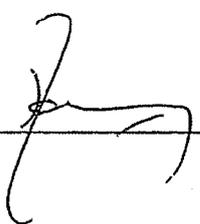
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am RED years of age.

3. I am a single mother and reside with my two children AC, REDACTED. We have lived in the REDACTED area since 1995 after moving from REDACTED. Both AC and REDACTED attend school, AC is in REDACTED at REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED is in REDACTED at REDACTED.

4. About February, 1997 my oldest son AC joined the Newcastle No.2 scout group which was based at Newcastle. He attended scouts mainly on Friday nights between 6pm - 9.30pm he enjoyed going to the scout hall and participating in the activities, he was usually taken there by his father or REDACTED REDACTED whose son REDACTED was also in the scouts.

5. Whilst AC was attending scouts at Newcastle his scout leader was Steven Larkins. When AC first joined the scouts

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Mr Larkins found an old scout uniform for AC that he apparently had in a locker, he gave this to AC the first time he went to scouts. After AC attended his first scout meeting Mr Larkins started to do a number of things for AC which made me a bit wary, these things included taking AC to the local pool, to the beach and on one occasion inviting AC around to his house to play his computer. As a result of my concern I asked AC a number of times if anything had been happening when these things were done for him. AC always told me that nothing had happened, even though I was a bit concerned about his involvement with AC I trusted him because he was AC's scout leader.

5. About late May or early June, 1997 AC stopped attending the scout meetings. After he missed a few of the meetings I asked him why he was not going, he said to me, "Because I don't want to go again." He didn't say why he didn't want to go, but his behaviour was gradually changing and he always became agitated when I asked him why he wasn't going, and I would still get the same reply. A few weeks after he had stopped going to scouts REDACTED asked me if I wanted a scout leader from REDACTED to speak to AC about joining the Stockton group this was about June, 1997.

6. I then decided to speak to AC about meeting with the scout leader.

I said, "Do you want to speak to Kanga about joining Stockton scouts?"

He said, "No, I don't want to ever join scouts again."

About three weeks after I had spoken to AC about joining the Stockton group, he received a phone call at home, I don't recall

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the exact date but it was late afternoon. I heard AC say "Hello" and then very shortly after that he hung up the phone. After he hung up the phone, he spoke to me.

He said, "It's Skip, he's gay."

I knew 'Skip' to be Steven Larkins as this is a name he had from Scouts. After AC had hung up the phone he appeared to be upset and looked to be shocked.

7. I didn't really pay much attention to what AC had said after the phone call, because I was more concerned about his reaction after having received the phone call. I left AC alone to settle down, and I decided that I would speak to him after he had settled down. Later that evening I spoke to AC

I said, "Why don't you want to go to another scouts? There must be a reason because you liked scouts so much."

He said, "Steven Larkins touched me where he shouldn't have."

I said, "Where did he touch you?"

He said, "All over my body."

I said, "Was that the only places that he touched you, did he have sex with you?"

He said, "No."

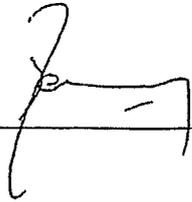
I said, "Are you sure that he hasn't done anything else other than what you've told me?"

He said, "No, that was it just the touching."

When I spoke to AC about this matter he was very upset, he was crying and continually said to me, "I hate him." I believe he was referring to Steven Larkins when he said this.

8. Since AC has told me what has happened I have paid particular attention to his behaviour. He is very angry about

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what has happened and concerned that Steven Larkins may come after him. He won't do as he is told, and doesn't participate in anything around the house or any social activities. Prior to the incident happening AC was a laid back boy, with no real concerns he helped around the house and certainly was not angry. Since he told me what had happened he has been attending counselling at the sexual assault at REDACTED, he has attended about 5 sessions and attends once a fortnight.

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