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STATEMENT in the matter of:

Brother John MAGUIRE

Place: Park Royal

Parramatta

Date : 14 June, 2001

Name:

CDR

Address:

Tel. No.:

Occupation: IT Manager

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 29 years of age.

3. On the 21 March, 2001 I made a statement to Manly Detectives in relation to a Brother John MAGUIRE who was the Year 7 form master at St Josephs where I went to school. In that statement I detailed several incidents of him sexually assaulting me.

4. In paragraph 8 of that statement I make mention that I went to bed at the normal time after lights out. When I say the normal time I mean it was around 9 or 9.30pm. It was Brother John's job to turn the lights out and get us into bed. We would be woken up about 7.00am in the mornings. I went to school there until 1989.

5. I have been asked by Detective's CUTHBERTSON and YOUNG to make a sketch of the layout of the dormitory. I have done that as best I can recall and have indicated on that sketch the approximate layout of all the bunks and beds. As best I can recall the bunks were mainly against the walls and the beds were located in the centre, although some of them may have been bunks

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as well.

6. I have marked with an 'X' on the sketch the bed where I was sleeping the first two times I was sexually assaulted by Brother John. I have described these assaults in paragraphs 8, 9, 10.

7. The third and fourth time I was assaulted by Brother John that I have described in paragraphs 11 to 17 inclusive occurred on the mattresses outside Brother John's office and the bed located in his office. I have also included these on the sketch and marked an 'X' on the mattress outside the office.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE A SKETCH OF THE YEAR 7 ST JOSEPHS DORMITORY.

8. I have mentioned in paragraph 11 that there were a number of boys asleep on the mattresses outside the office, I think there were about 8 of us. I cannot recall exactly any of the boys names who were on these mattresses the night I was assaulted, but I think that REDACTED may have been there.

9. On all the occasions that I was assaulted by Brother John I can definitely say he was wearing his Catholic Brother's robes which were white in colour. Underneath these robes he would wear long brown or black trousers, which he would undo when he was assaulting me and just pull them down. He would also remove his robe and underneath he would be just wearing a T-shirt. Although he didn't remove his clothing in the first two assaults when he was standing beside the bed.

10. The first person I told about the assault was a girlfriend of mine by the name of REDACTED. I told her when we were both

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working together at [REDACTED] at Darling Harbour. She was already working there when I started my employment there around November, 1996.

11. I can remember it was a night out after work together and we had gotten fairly drunk at The Observer Hotel in The Rocks. We started talking on the grass near where The Rocks Police Station is now. I can't remember how it came up or why. I didn't go into any detail with her but I did tell her that something happened to me whilst I was at school. I told her that I had been sexually assaulted but I didn't tell her the specific details. I did mention it was a brother or dorm master, but I don't think I told her his name because it wouldn't have made any relevance to her. I cant recall anything much further happening that night but it may have come up in discussions I had with her since.

12. The next person I told about this was [REDACTED] after being a victim in an armed robbery at [REDACTED] at Darling Harbour on the morning of the 29 October, 1997. [REDACTED] is a Psychiatrist who my mother knew. He was treating me for the post traumatic stress after the holdup and it was during these counselling sessions that I told him about the assaults by Brother John, I saw him take down notes when I was speaking to him about this. [REDACTED] suggested that I tell my mother.

13. About 3 weeks later I told my mother what Brother John had done to me. I told my mother that I had been sexually assaulted by Brother John at school. She knew who I was talking about because she had been to the school and met Brother John. Likewise I didn't go into any specific details with her, the only time I

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have really done that is when I gave the statement to Manly Detectives. After telling my father about what Brother John had done to me at school I decided that I would tell the Police about it.

14. I have recently checked my files and have located several letters that I received around the 15 and 16th of February, 1984. These letters are in response to one that I sent to my grandfather **REDACTED** who has since passed away. I don't know exactly what I had written in that letter but from reading the responses from the rest of the family I must have indicated to my grandfather that I wasn't happy being at the boarding school. I am still in possession of the letters and can produce them if required.

15. I am also in possession of three report cards for 1984 in year 7. Brother John has made a comment and signed each of these report cards in his position as dorm master. I will supply these report cards to Detectives CUTHBERTSON and YOUNG in the near future.

EXHIBIT I PRODUCE THREE REPORT CARDS FOR ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL FROM 1984.

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