

New

STATEMENT in matter of:

Place: REDACTED

Date: 16 AUGUST 1990

Name: SMITH Sandra
(Surname in capitals)

Address: REDACTED Tel. No. REDACTED

Occupation: MEDICAL PRACTITIONER STATES:-

1. The statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared if necessary to give in Court as a witness.
2. 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
3. I am 44 years of age.
4. I first visited to ASHRAM at Mangrove Mountain in 1977. Since then I visited regularly attending lectures, learning yoga and socialising there. I had many friends there. On Friday 20th February 1987, I went up to talk to the girls. There were APA, APH, Bibble (Alecia), APB, a girl from FIJI, I can't recall her name, and two others. I wanted to talk to these girls because APA had told me something (Akhandananda had sexually abused her and others)
5. This meeting took place on the ASHRAM property but out of sight of the main buildings, it was down by the river. The girls told me something. It was very upsetting. Then during this conversation, APH said, "AKHANDANANDA has touched me several times on the breasts and he has asked me to have sex with me but I refused." (or words similar) There was further conversation between myself and the girls.
6. On Saturday 21st February 1987, there was APH her mum, APJ and myself in my car. APH was quite upset. I had a conversation with APH mum about what the girls had told me.

R. Woolston
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Plain Clothes Constable 1/c
Child Mistreatment UNIT, NEWCASTLE

Witness:

Signature: *Sandra Smith*