

New South Wales PoliceSTATEMENT in matter of:  
Simon Antony JACOBSPlace: Pymble Police StationDate: 26/4/89Name: Richard Johnson KELLSAddress: REDACTEDTel. No. REDACTEDOccupation: C. Company Director

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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

2. I was born on the REDACTED 1949. *PH*

3. In 1976 I became a leader in the Esquires of the Church of England Boys Brigade at the St Ives Christ Church Anglican Church. I remained a leader till 1982 when I left C.E.B.s. I did however remain a member of the diocese executive committee.

4. When I joined the C.E.B.s I came to know Simon Jacobs who was also a leader in the organisation. I also knew of a BYC who was a member of the C.E.B.s, initially I did not know BYC that well however I came to know him quite well when he became a member of the Esquires.

5. Whilst a leader in the C.E.B.s I had regular contact with Simon Jacobs as we both attended C.E.B.s each Friday night and attended fortnightly planning meetings.

6. Following each C.E.B.s meeting on Friday nights I made a point of remaining to the last to ensure that all of the children had been picked up or given transport home. I noticed that BYC and another boy would leave with the C.E.B.s meetings with Simon Jacobs, regularly.

7. In 1981 I was approached and told certain things by a number of parents of boys attending C.E.B.s. As a direct result of the things I had been told I invited Simon Jacobs to my home where I had a conversation with him in the presence of my wife Barbra Kells. I said to Simon words to the effect of, "People are talking behind your back, we have to work together, we have got to clear the matter up. This is what they are saying, the relationship you are having with some of the boys is too close and does not look good. They are saying you are interfering with some of the boys. Tell if this is true or not?" Simon denied my allegations and became very emotional and began to cry. Our conversation continued for approximately three quarters of an hour. I cannot remember the entire conversation but the topic was

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centred around the allegation of Simon sexually interfering with some of the C.E.B.s boys.

8. During my conversation with Simon I said words to the effect, "I have spoken with a Dr Jean Benjamin from Lindfield, she has counselled people with the problem you appear to have. Simon then said words to the effect, "I have no problem but if it keeps you happy I'll go." I saw during our conversation that Simon was very emotional.

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