

Letters.



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## STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

**In the matter of:** Historical Sexual upon Sascha Chandler  
**Place:** Hornsby Police Station  
**Date:** 21 August 2008

**Name:** Sascha Chandler

## 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 33 years of age.
3. On 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 I prepared a statement to Detective Sergeant Uslu at Hornsby Police in relation to two letters that I had written to Andrew McIntosh. These letters were never posted to Andrew, and I believe I would have handed them personally to him at Baker College.
4. These two letters would have been the only ones that I have personally written to Andy, as this was something that I did not do on a regularly basis. The only explanation that I can give as to why I had written these letters, would have been when I was under a certain amount of duress.
5. I now wish to explain what I have written in these letters. The first one was written in early 1991 'titled 'To Andy From Sascha'. I started the letter with the words, 'As I mentioned on several occasions, love is a difficult feeling to explain. For me it was a feeling of fulfilment and satisfaction'
6. After a period of torment, (physical and mental) I would be at my most vulnerable and despite the fact that McIntosh had put me there, he was the only one who could actually provide comfort and could consol me. He was they only one that knew what he had done to me, and therefore I could not explain my feelings to anyone else. This left McIntosh in a unique position to consol me. Part of his consolation of me always involved a lecture on trust, respect, protection and companionship. He would make me feel extremely sorry for him and make comparisons between the loneliness and isolation that I was feeling and his own isolation and loneliness. These lectures or periods on consolation would make me feel a high level of empathy for Andy and he would request that I would produce an essay, explaining what I had been lectured in. Due to the gravity of the secret of the relationship I knew how much this essay would mean to him and the protection from abuse in the short term it would give.
7. I have referred to these letters as essays, as McIntosh chose to formalise this form of communication. I would not have written these essays under normal circumstances, and it would have been another form of discipline that he would have asked me to do.
8. The first essay is punctuated frequently by words, such as 'trust', 'respect', 'protect', 'safe', 'assurance' which were all words that I was encouraged to include. I make reference to Police with the words, 'because of the police etc. (about five months ago). I have placed this into the essay because Andy told me about an incident of Arson that he had been involved in many years prior to our meeting. He told me that he had to leave to avoid further Police investigation. He specially told me that he would return after

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the statute period of limitations had expired. He told me that the fire was up in the Lismore area were he used to live.

9. On the second page of the essay I have written, When someone speaks ill of you or I see you hurt, I too feel upset. In the last few months I've found myself extremely protective of you. When I'm with you I feel good and happy and safe now, and I know you have my interest in mind.' I can remember, is that despite the incident with the Police, McIntosh was under pressure from other Adults in the Baker community in relation to how he dealt with discipline with Cadet, and I wrote this to make him feel secure, because that's what he wanted to hear.
10. Also in the second page I wrote the words *'When you say to me that I 'm the best thing that's happened to you in a few years, it makes me feel needed and worthful: I don't mind being the son you can't have , and I love you like my father.'* I was deliberately trying to please him, with a statement like that, because I know this was what he wanted more than anything in the world.
11. The second essay is similar in nature in that it is heavily punctated with words and phrases such as 'devote', 'trust', 'guidance', 'morale', 'truth' and phrases such as 'I try hard to please you.' This essay was written shortly before Baker Cadet annual camp in 1992
12. He was always going on about me needing to be aware of other people's feelings, when it was really only his feelings that he wanted me to care about. This essay speaks of more of where his teaching me and guiding me and providing security. This is evident by the words, *'You've shown me a sense of responsibility through both loving me and helping me attain my cadet position.'* McIntosh regularly dangled the military rank carrot in a effort to get me to comply.
13. I was becoming rebellious towards him, by telling him that I wanted to disclose the abuse, and that wanted to never see him again. This would cause him to fly into fits of rage, which would inevitably end in an incident of physical or sexual abuse. I refer to the following words in the essay, *'I know I have often neglected your trust and been cruel, but never through malace.'* And then on the second page, *'I'm sorry for the pain I've caused you in the past,'*
14. The essay finishes with a paragraph which was a typical McIntosh 'brain wash line' *'P.S. When we say our love is all that mattes, we are so right, for even through the hardest times, this simple fact remains at centre, solid as rock.'*
15. Detective Sergeant Uslu showed me 25 colour copies of photographs printed on A4 paper. This was marked as 'Photo's of Item 12 of Exhibit reference D 509647. I have never seen these particular photos before, however I do recognise them as being photographs of me and Andrew McIntosh and others during Cadet years with Baker college. I can not recall who had taken the photographs,
16. I have numbered these photographs from 1 to 25. The photograph numbered 1 to 6 were taken on the night of the Senior Cadets ceremonial dinner, held in the boarder's dinning room at Baker College. The first picture is Andrew McIntosh with REDACTED, myself and another female Cadet, whose name I can't remember. Photo 2 and 3 is Andrew McIntosh with REDACTED signing the 'order of service'. Photo 4 and 5 is of Andrew McIntosh, REDACTED, REDACTED and REDACTED have the order of service book signed. Photo 6 is Andrew McIntosh, with REDACTED and myself. Photo 7 through to 9 were taken at the Chandler's residence REDACTED Wahroonga. These were taken shortly before the ceremonial dinner commenced. Photo 7 is of Andrew McIntosh, my mother father and myself. Photos 8 and 9 are of Andrew McIntosh and myself.
17. Photographs 10 through to 18 were taken, at what appears to be a birthday party at one of the female cadets houses. It was down at the Spit and its around Christmas time. This would have been at my last year at school which was in 1992. REDACTED and I were the most senior Cadets at the party and the girls decided to apply make up on our faces for a bit of fun. Andrew McIntosh would have taken the

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photos. I didn't want the make up on, but I do remember Andrew say "You leave that on Mr Chandler."  
 This was another form of ridiculing me.

18. Photographs 19 through 22 were taken at a Cenotaph parade at Hornsby. I can't remember being there, and the males on the photos, were one year above me. Photos 19 to 20 are of REDACTED  
 Photograph 21 and 22, I do not recognise him.
19. Photographs 23 to 24 are pictures of people I do not know. And the final photographs which is 25, is myself dressed in full military camouflage. I can't remember where or when this photograph was taken.
20. On 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 I went out to Towlers Bay (Pittwater NSW) where I took several photographs of the house where Andrew McIntosh use to live and where most of the abuse took place. I have placed these photographs on A4 paper and with call out comments. There is also and satellite image taken from Google and a map of the location. I had previously provided these documents to Detective Johnston.
21. On the 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 I participated in an Electronic Interview with Detective Ellis and Johnston. I just wanted to clarify question 719 by Detective Ellis when he asked me whether I had seen McIntosh since 1990. I think the question should have been since 1994, as during 1990 to 1993 I was in regular contact with him.

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