



THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Justices Ordinance, 1928-1962

Sec. 110

Statement of the Defendant

DONALD BRUCE HENDERSON of Retta Dixon Homes, Batchelor

(hereinafter called "the defendant"), stands charged before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the Northern Territory of Australia, for that ~~on the~~ between 28th August 1975 and 5th September ~~xxxx~~, 19 75, at Tortilla Flats

in the Northern Territory of Australia, he did indecently assault a male person to wit AKP ~~aged 6 years~~: Contrary to Section 72 of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act and Ordinance 1876-1974

*ASW 5/2/75  
amended  
2/12/75  
ASW  
SW*

And the said charge having been read to the defendant, and the witnesses for the prosecution having been severally examined in his presence, the defendant is now addressed by me, as follows:—

"Having heard the evidence for the prosecution, do you wish to be sworn and give evidence on your own behalf, or do you desire to say anything in answer to the charge? You are not obliged to be sworn, nor are you required to say anything, unless you desire to do so; but whatever evidence you may give upon oath, or anything you may say, will be taken down in writing, and may be given in evidence upon your trial. You are clearly to understand that you have nothing to hope from any promise of favour, and nothing to fear from any threat, which may have been held out to you to induce you to make any admission or confession of your guilt; but that whatever you may now say may be given in evidence upon your trial, notwithstanding any such promise or threat."

Whereupon the defendant made the following statement:—

*Defendant elects to stay mute at this stage*

Dated this *second day of December* 1975,  
at Darwin, in the said Territory

*R.S. Waterhouse J.P.*  
Justice of the Peace