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Name:

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My full name is . I am 40 years old born on **REDACTED**/1.

Police are aware of my address. I do not wish for any of my personal details to be given out without my permission.

I was a boarder at Rupertswood Salesian College in Sunbury from year 7 to year 10. I left at the end of year 10 when I was 16 years old to start an apprenticeship. The Salesian College was a school for males and had day students as well as boarders.

I hated the school. I was very home sick and I ran away from the school a few times in year 7 but my parents always took me back there. I was a bit of a trouble maker and I got in trouble quite a bit. I would say I was a bit of a bully maybe half way through year 8 and start of year 9. If someone gave me the shits I would give them a smack in the mouth. I think I did that because I was homesick and thought that I needed to get tougher.

When I was in year 9 I was in the dormitory with approximately 40 to 50 other kids. I recall Father David RAPSON was our dorm co-ordinator. He was known as 'Rapo' amongst the students. Rapo had a small room off to the right side of the dorm where he was in charge. That is where he would sleep at night.

Rapo would come across as your mate and a pretty cool person to hang with. Rapo's room had two doors to it. One was inside the dormitory. There was another door that lead to the foyer area which was near the exit door to the dorm. We would have to go out the exit door to the dorm to get to the toilet and shower area. Rapo's door in the

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foyer would be open a lot of the time and he would know when you came in and out the exit door to go to the bathroom. When I would come back in he would say "Oy, what you up to?" I would reply and he would say "Alright then, piss off and go back to bed".

That's what I mean about him being an every day bloke. You wouldn't think something like 'piss off' would come out of a priests mouth. He used to swear a fair bit around us.

It started off like that and then after a while he would say come in and shut the door. I just thought he wanted me to shut the door so the other kids couldn't see us having a smoke and the noise wouldn't disturb them as we were chatting. I recall that RAPSON smoked Marlborough cigarettes. They had a red and white pack.

That then progressed to us having a scotch and coke together. This happened maybe two or three times before the molesting started.

I recall very clearly the first time Rapo ever molested me. I was wearing light blue and white striped pyjama shorts without a top. We had smokes and drinks as normal and then I got up and said that I was going to bed. I was facing the door that lead to the foyer and he came up behind me real close and said "What do you mean you're going to bed?" He put his hands on my shoulders and then started to move them over my body. He was pushing up against me from behind and I could feel his erect penis against my bum. I remember thinking what the fuck is going on. I had feelings that I had no idea what was going on because it was my first sexual experience. It just happened that quickly. He was talking right at my neck and next minute I became aroused and got an erection. Next minute I knew RAPSON was around in front of me on his knees giving me oral sex. I climaxed in his mouth and he didn't spit it out. After that happened he gave me a smoke and another drink of scotch. I remember it was Grants scotch whiskey. I never drink the stuff now. RAPSON then just acted like nothing had happened. I went back to bed.

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I remember the next morning when he came into the dorm and flicked all the lights on I sat up straight away and looked directly at him. He just ignored me. He acted like nothing had happened.

That was the first time of many that RAPSON sexually abused me. From that first night, he sexually abused me every second or third night until I left the school. He would either perform oral sex on me or he would get the Vaseline from the ensuite in his room and put it on my penis and his penis and then lie on top of me and rub up and down until he or I ejaculated. On one occasion he tried to insert his dick into my arse.

I was 14 years old when this abuse commenced and just turned 16 years old when it stopped. The only reason the abuse stopped was because I left the school.

I didn't report the abuse at the time because who would believe me. I was big tough Who would fuck with I had no one that I could tell. If something like that got out in the school I would hate to imagine what would have happened. I would have been so embarrassed.

As a result of the sexual abuse I suffered at the hands of RAPSON I became an alcoholic, I had a nervous break down when I was about 20 years old. I have tried to commit suicide three times. I overdosed on heroin and pretty well lived on the streets. After I overdosed on heroin I ended up going home to Mum and Dads at the farm.

I have since received counselling and am dealing with what happened to me, but it is something that I will never forget. I will live with it for the rest of my life.

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Statement taken and signature witnessed by me
at 6:13 PM on 10/07/2012 at Sexual Crimes Squad

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[Redacted Signature]

Leigh ROSS
Senior Detective 28745

I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief
that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of
perjury.

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