



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



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Statement of:

Name of witness:	BRW	Date of birth:	REDACTE	Age:	57
Occupation:	Remedial Therapist				

Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer:	R V GRAY	Rank:	DSC 9155	Reg. No.:	9155
Region/Command/Division:	Crime Operations Branch	Station:	Task Force ARGOS		

BRW STATES:

- I am a divorced female, 57 years of age, and I reside at an address which is known to the police. I am a Remedial Therapist by occupation. I have RED sons, being REDACTED REDACTED
- I know Gregory KNIGHT.
- All three of my sons went to St Paul's School at Bald Hills during the 1980's BRT and BRV were both heavily involved in the music program at the school. During that time until his departure, Mr KNIGHT was their music teacher and band master, and he was also BRV Form Master.
- I was heavily involved with the school during the boys' time there. I was involved with the tuckshop, with school fetes, and any fundraising functions for the music program. Because of my involvement with the school, I got to know Mr KNIGHT. I found Mr KNIGHT to be a very emotional person. He was often moody and irrational, and not becoming for a school teacher. I found his behaviour in front of students to be inappropriate. For example, I witnessed him throw a childish tantrum once on the eve of a concert held at Redcliffe. I actually saw him in tears and threatening to leave.

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5. Both boys confided in me during the time that they were involved with Mr KNIGHT at the school that his actions towards the students did not appear to be proper. (For example, BRV told me that he had witnessed an incident at a school sleepover where Mr KNIGHT held a young boy by the name of BRD by the ankles, facing him, and rubbed himself up and down his body. I remember that BRV was disgusted by this behaviour.)

6. (I also remember after that sleepover weekend, BRV told me that Mr KNIGHT had watched all the boys shower, and that he and his friend REDACTED had slept in the musical instrument storage room at the school because Mr KNIGHT had asked all the boys to sleep in their undies, and that they didn't need sheets.)

7. (I also remember being told about a school camp where Mr KNIGHT made the grade 7 boys play a game of "hide and seek" in the nude. I don't remember which boy told me this.)

8. One of BRT best mates, BRX, used to come to our house quite often. I developed a good relationship with him, as I did with most of BRT and BRV friends. A lot of their friends called me "Mum", and found me easy to get on with. A was often a shoulder to cry on, or to confide in.

9. I remember one day during the year, I think in 1984 BRT approached me at home and asked if his friend BRX could talk to me. BRX then came to the house, and I asked him what was happening. BRX then told me that Mr KNIGHT would search him for smokes by putting his hand in his pocket and touching him, and he would like it to stop, because he felt very uncomfortable about the whole thing. I asked BRX if he wanted me to approach the school about it, to which he said "yes". I then rang St Paul's, and made an appointment to see the Headmaster, Mr Gilbert CASE.

10. One day within a week, I went to the school and went to the Headmaster's office. In the office was Mr CASE, Bishop WICKS (in his white robe with a purple sash) and a third person to Mr CASE's right. I don't remember who that person was.

11. I was called in to the office first and I informed Mr CASE that I wanted to report an incident involving one of BRT friends BRX. I seem to recall seeing a tape recorder on the desk, and wondering what it was for. At no point was I offered a chair. I was made to stand behind the desk like an errant child.

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12. I stated the allegations to Mr CASE, being that Mr KNIGHT was touching BRX [redacted] when he checked him for smokes. Then BRT [redacted] was called in and Mr CASE asked him what BRX [redacted] had said, to which BRT [redacted] reiterated what I had said. Mr CASE then looked at BRT [redacted] and said, "Why are you lying?" at which point I said, "My son doesn't lie". Mr CASE then said, "You mothers don't know your boys, and shouldn't say things they know nothing about".

13. Mr CASE then pointed his finger at me and said angrily, "If you didn't see it, then you're lying". I got pretty upset because I was being called a liar. I said to Mr CASE, "If you don't believe my son, then get BRX [redacted] up here".

14. BRX [redacted] was then brought in, and stood beside BRT [redacted] who was standing beside me. Mr CASE questioned BRX [redacted] about the allegations, and BRX [redacted] confirmed that Mr KNIGHT had in fact touched him up when he was looking for smokes.

15. Mr CASE then said, "There's nothing wrong with Mr KNIGHT. He's a good husband, and a father of two kids, and you're causing a terrible slur on him." Bishop WICKS then said something about that there was nothing to be done, because there was nothing going on. After that, we were virtually dismissed from Mr CASE's office.

16. I don't remember any specific conversations with BRX [redacted] after that, but I got the impression that Mr KNIGHT's assaults on BRX [redacted] stopped after that. A lot of time passed, and nothing happened with Mr KNIGHT, so I assumed that nothing was going to happen. I thought about ringing the school, but the hierarchy was the same, so I couldn't see the point.

17. About four or five months later I heard that Mr KNIGHT had left the school. I assumed that it was because of my complaint to the school on behalf of BRX [redacted]. I never heard any more than that.

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