



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



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Statement of:

Name of witness:	BSD	Date of birth:	REDACTED	Age:	33
Occupation:					

Police officer taking statement:

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

BSD STATES:

1. I am a single male, 33 years of age, and I reside at an address which is known to the investigating police of Task Force ARGOS. I am a youth worker by occupation.
2. I know Greg KNIGHT.
3. I was a student at St Paul's School at Bald Hills from 1982 – 1986. From 1982 – 1984, Greg KNIGHT was in charge of the music department at the school. As a band member from 1982, I became familiar with Mr KNIGHT, although I remember being a little apprehensive of him due to (in my opinion) his volatile temper.
4. I have several distinct memories of Mr KNIGHT with relation to his inappropriate behaviour.
5. In 1982 when I was in grade REDACTED I attended a residential Music Camp, held at a YMCA campground in Pine Rivers. I think it was called Camp Warawee. I remember that it was through the week, during a school semester.
6. One evening during this week, Mr KNIGHT entered my cabin, which I shared with about five other boys. I know that there were several other boys in the cabin at the time. I was about to change from a pair of shorts to jeans, but I was embarrassed at wearing underwear in front of a teacher. Therefore, I pulled my jeans over my shorts, which Mr KNIGHT observed. I remember Mr KNIGHT said something like, "What are you doing?" to which I replied, "I'm cold".

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7. Mr KNIGHT then said something like, "That's a silly thing to do". Mr KNIGHT then instructed me to remove my shorts before putting my jeans on. I complied with this, and Mr KNIGHT watched me whilst I changed. I remember being quite embarrassed about it, and wanting to get it over with quickly.

8. During the school holidays at the end of 1983, a small group of band members stayed at a student's REDACTED holiday home in Caloundra. Some of the other boys present were REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED BRT and REDACTED. We were supervised by Mr KNIGHT because it was a relaxing weekend organised for the band members. We stayed for one night.

9. There were two bedrooms where the boys slept, and Mr KNIGHT joined my group. Mr KNIGHT slept in the room with us. The other boys in the room were my age or one year younger (aged 14 or 13).

10. That night, when we were all in the beds in our sleeping bags, we began talking amongst ourselves. The conversation between us was unremarkable until someone (I believe it was a student) suggested that we play "Truth or Dare". Mr KNIGHT participated in this game. After a short period of time the dares became more risqué. One boy, being REDACTED was dared to stand naked in front of the group and rub his towel in a sexual manner back and forth between his legs. I don't remember who dared him to do this, but Mr KNIGHT was present at the time.

11. Another boy was then dared to "crack" erection, being REDACTED however he couldn't become erect with an audience. I remember Mr KNIGHT telling us to back off, and leave him alone, I think because he could see that REDACTED was embarrassed. I remember Mr KNIGHT leaning on one elbow and watching all of this. I was then dared to stand naked in front of the group for a minute. I don't remember if Mr KNIGHT said anything during my dare, but I remember that he watched me.

12. Mr KNIGHT was then dared to "root the wall". He walked over to the wall, naked, and thrust himself against it several times. I remember that his penis was semi-erect when he turned to face the group. He was obviously not ashamed of his condition in front of us. It was like he was just one of the boys. He wasn't interacting like a teacher, he was like one of our peers.

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13. The next morning I remember Mr KNIGHT telling us that our activities from the previous night should be kept a secret. This made sense to me, as I was not interested in the repercussions from peers should word get out. At this time, I did not feel that Mr KNIGHT being present in the room while we played to be inappropriate. Rather, I felt privileged that a teacher would let their guard down to such an extent in front of students.

14. In 1984, when I was in grade 10 (aged 15), the band conducted a Music Marathon in the school grounds in an attempt to raise money for the band's tour to Cairns in the December school holidays. Students were arranged into two hour shifts for a period over a weekend. Many of us slept at the school, as we had shifts through the night.

15. I remember Mr KNIGHT coming to the area where I was sleeping, which was in a soundproofed rehearsal room at the rear of the music wing block, which was called the Krebs building. We were all lying on the floor in our sleeping bags talking. There were two other boys with me, being REDACTED and REDACTED. Mr KNIGHT began talking to myself and the other boys who were there. The only detail of the discussion I recall was when Mr KNIGHT was talking about the sensations experienced when having sex (with a woman), and suggested to us that we use a warm, wet face washer the next time we masturbate in order to simulate these feelings.

16. The following morning, Mr KNIGHT suggested that those of us who had slept at the school go to the sports centre and shower. I recall that he became adamant with us, and cited hygiene as his reason for this. I remember that the showers were located a few blocks over in the school grounds, underneath the swimming pool. Mr KNIGHT sat in the shower room on the dressing room bench, and observed us as we washed ourselves. During this he engaged in conversation with many of the boys (there was about 7 of us there), and seemed very at ease with the situation, as though there was nothing unusual about the situation. I remember feeling a bit uncomfortable about having Mr KNIGHT watch us shower.

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17. Fairly shortly after that music marathon weekend in 1984, I was removed from class and approached by Fr Tom TREHERNE (school chaplain) and Gilbert CASE (the Headmaster at the time) somewhere in the school grounds. I was told that some of Mr KNIGHT's activities with students had come to their attention, and they asked me what, if anything, I knew. I gave them my account of Mr KNIGHT's behaviours during the weekend in Caloundra where he exposed himself to myself and several other students during a dare. I remember Mr CASE told me to go home and tell my parents what had happened. Shortly after this, Mr KNIGHT left the school.

18. *(After this, there was some talk around the school yard, and other boys gave accounts of Mr KNIGHT walking in on them while in the showers).*

19. In hindsight, as an adult, it is clear to me that the beforementioned interactions between Mr KNIGHT and myself were not only extremely inappropriate, but they could also be construed as "grooming" behaviours, which many paedophiles engage in with potential victims before any abuse takes place. I feel fortunate that this never happened to me.

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I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(5)(c)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:	
(1)	This written statement by me dated 28 October 2002 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
(2)	I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.
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	Signature
Signed at <u>3 ABERDEEN</u> this <u>26th</u> day of <u>OCTOBER</u> 20 <u>02</u>	

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