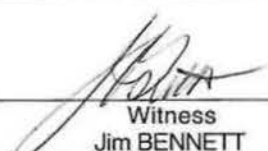


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STATEMENT OF				
Name of Witness (in full)	James Ible BENNETT		Age	73 years
Occupation	Church Minister	Date of Birth:	13/4/1927	
Police Officer taking Statement:	N.M. BENNETT	Rank & Reg. No.	PCC 10597	Station Child & Sexual Assault Investigation Unit

James Ible BENNETT states:

1. My full name is James Ible BENNETT and I am known as Jim. I am 73 years of age and live at an address known to police. I am a Church Minister with the Jehovah Witnesses and have been an Elder within the congregation for approximately 50 years.
2. I know BCH I met him about twelve to ten years ago for only a brief period. I refer to him as BCH
3. In 1985 I moved from Papua New Guinea to live in Cairns with my wife Joan who has since passed away. Some years after moving to Cairns I was involved in a meeting with other Elders from Jehovah's Witnesses relating to BCH position in the congregation.
4. I am unable to remember the exact year of when this meeting was I do recall that I came over to Mareeba congregation from Cairns for this discussion with the other elders and BCH for a meeting that lasted all day and into the evening.
5. Towards the end of the meeting I remember one of his daughters made a statement in BCH presence concerning his conduct towards her. I can not recall which daughter it was. I can remember two things that she said that her father had done.. One was that he would come into the bathroom whilst they were showering and that he had interfered with her in someway. I am unable to recall the

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exact words that she used or the extent of how he had interfered with her.

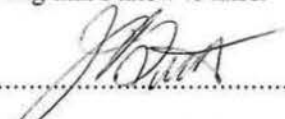
6. When [BCH] was confronted by the statement made by his daughter [BCH] admitted that they were true.
7. [BCH] was disfellowshipped from the Christian congregation.
8. Since this time I have had no further dealings with [BCH].
9. I would like it known because of my role as a Christian Minister that I am extremely uncomfortable discussing matters that have come to me in my capacity as a Minister.

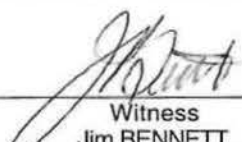

Jim BENNETT

Justices Act 1886

I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(5)(c)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 11/10/2000 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make it knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating anything that I know is false.


Signature
 Signed at Mareeba this.....11th.....day of.....OCTOBER.....2000

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