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QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



Occurrence #: _____

Statement no.: _____ Date: 20/11/2008

Statement of

Name of witness: KQ

Date of birth: REDACTED Age: 36 Occupation: Real Estate Agent

Police officer taking statement

Name of police officer: GLEESON, Grant Anthony

Rank: Detective Sergeant Reg. no.: 10455

Region/Command/Division: Southern Station: Toowoomba CPIU

Statement:

KQ states:

- I am a married thirty six year old man that resides at an address known to police. I am the biological father of three children KH, REDAC and REDA. KH was born on the REDA RED 1998. REDAC was born on the REDACTED and REDA on the REDACTED.
- I know Gerry BYRNES.
- My wife REDACT and I used to live in Toowoomba up until the last two weeks of the 2007 school year. While we lived in Toowoomba KH attended the primary school KH was completing year four and had Gerry BYRNES as her teacher.
- I recall during winter of 2007 I got home from work one evening and REDAC had told me that KH was having problems at school with Mr BYRNES.
- I recall KH telling me that Mr Byrnes had put his hand inside the top of her shirt through the buttons and touched her on the breast. I am not sure if it was the same day or the next day

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Commissioner for Declarations's signature)

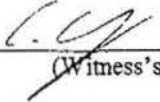
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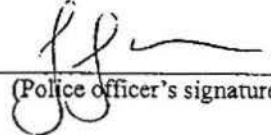
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I asked her if it was happening to anyone else. She told me that it was happening to REDACT
KA. She told me that Mr BYRNES was touching her in the same places.

6. The next day I rang the school and organised a meeting with the principal Terry HAYES. I am not sure if it was that afternoon or the next afternoon I went to the school and had a meeting with Terry. There was also a woman present during the meeting. She was a tall woman with ginger hair. I think she was there for pastoral care. KH was also present during the interview.
7. I told Terry exactly what KH had told us that Mr BYRNES had touched her on the breast.
8. They got KH to tell them exactly what happened to her in her own words. She went through her version for them which was the same as what she had told me.
9. I recall mentioning to them that KA had told KH that the same thing had happened to her. I also mentioned to them that KA would not tell her parents about what had happened.
10. At the time I was concerned for the teacher as I didn't want him to be accused of being a paedophile.
11. Terry gave me two options that we could look at. The first one was to leave it as informal and make a complaint to the school and they could talk to him and see what the issue was.
12. The second option was to get the Department of Child Safety involved and make them aware of what had happened.
13. During the interview we agreed that Terry would speak with him and get his version of events and deal with it internally.


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- 14. Terry rang me a couple of days later and informed me that he had spoken to Gerry about the incident. I got the feeling from that conversation that Gerry had made out that it was a cuddle that had gone wrong.

- 15. I haven't heard anything about this matter till the weekend just gone when I was contacted by Detective GLEESON and advised that he would like to get a statement from me and to speak to KH about the incident from last year.

- 16. I attended the Boondall Police Station where I provided Detective GLEESON with this statement of my own free will.



KQ

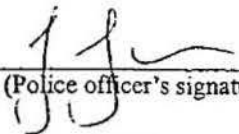
Justices Act 1886

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

- (1) This written statement by me dated 20th November 2008 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 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.

.....Signature

Signed atBoondall.....this.....20th.....day of.....November.....2008..

(Witness's signature)	(Justice of the Peace (Qual.)/ Commissioner for Declarations's signature)	 (Police officer's signature)
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