

RECORD OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN SERGEANT A.J. CAROLAN AND DONALD BRUCE HENDERSON
 CIB OFFICE POLICE STATION DARWIN, 11/9/75.
 QUESTIONS BY CAROLAN. ANSWERS BY HENDERSON.
 PRESENT ALSO CONSTABLE T.A. SAXBY.
 TIME COMMENCED: 8.40am.

Q.1. For the purpose of this record what is your full name.

A. Donald Bruce HENDERSON.

Q.2. I am going to ask you some questions regarding an indecent assault alleged committed on AJW [redacted] at Tortilla Flats recently. Do you understand that.

A. I understand that.

Q.3. I must tell you that you are not obliged to answer any of my questions or say anything about the matter unless you wish. Anything that you do say I will record here and may later give it as evidence in court. Do you clearly understand that.

A. Yes.

Q.4. Do you know a girl called AJW [redacted].

A. I do.

Q.5. How old is she.

A. About seven.

Q.6. How long have you known AJW [redacted].

A. I'd only guess, about four years.

Q.7. How did you first become acquainted with her.

A. When she became a child of the Retta DIXON home.

Q.8. What does she call you.

A. Uncle Don.

Q.9. Did you recently go on a camping trip to Tortilla Flats.

A. I did.

Q.10. Did you take a number of boys on the trip.

A. Yes.

Q.11. Were there any girls in the party.

A. Yes seven approximately.

Q.12. Who was ~~any~~ looking after the girls.

A. Miss Ethel McKAY.

Q.13. Was AJW [redacted] one of those girls.

A. Yes.

Q.14. Did you have any contact with the girls during this trip.

A. Only in groups as far as I know.

Q.15. Did you have any contact with AJW [redacted].

A. I prefer not to answer this question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q.16. What were the sleeping arrangements while you were camped at Tortilla Flats

A. The boys in one tent, the girls in the other.

Q.17. Were you ever in the boys tent while AJW [redacted] was there, that is in the same tent.

A. I prefer not to answer this question on the advice of a solicitor at this stage.

Q.18. How long did the party remain at Tortilla.

A. About eight days.

Q.19. It is alleged that one day while you were at Tortilla, you took AJW [redacted] into the boys tent. Do you have anything to say about that.

A. I prefer not to answer this question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q.20. It is alleged that while you had AJW [redacted] in the tent, you pulled her pants down. Do you have anything to say about that.

A. I prefer not to answer this question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q.21. It is alleged that while AJW's pants were down you had your penis out of your trousers. Do you have anything to say about that.

A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q.22. It is alleged that at the time your penis was in a state of erection. Do you have anything to say about that.

A. Prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor

Q. 23. It is alleged that you were asked to put [redacted] into [redacted] AJW's arms. Do you have any memory of this?
A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q. 24. It is alleged that the first time [redacted] AJS came into the tent, [redacted] AJW ran out. Do you have any memory of this?
A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q. 25. It is alleged that shortly after [redacted] AJS came into the tent, [redacted] AJW ran out. Do you have any memory of this?
A. I prefer not to answer that question at this stage on the advice of a solicitor.

Q. 26. Is there anything you wish to say in answer to this allegation.
A. No.

Q. 27. You will be charged with indecently assaulting [redacted] AJW at Tortilla Flats, between 26/8/75 and 5/9/75. You do not have to say anything in answer to the charge unless you wish. Whatever you do say will be recorded here and later given as evidence in court. Do you clearly understand that.
A. Yes.

Q. 28. Is there anything further you wish to say.
A. No.

Q. 2. I will ask you to read through this record of our conversation. If you agree to do so, I will ask you to sign it. You do not have to sign it if you do not wish. Is that satisfactory to you.
A. Yes.
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Q. 30. Have you just read through this record of our conversation?
A. Yes.

Q. 31. Is it a correct account of our conversation.
A. Yes.

Q. 32. Is there anything that you would like to add.
A. No.

Q. 33. Is there anything in the record that you would like to alter.
A. No.

Q. 34. Was any threat or inducement held out to you to answer any questions.
A. No.

Q. 35. Do you wish to sign this record.
A. Yes.
COMPLETED AND REMOVED 9.14am.

M. Murray *A. Anderson*