



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Statement of: **Walter Conte** Age: **over 18 years**

This statement, consisting of 5 page(s) signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I know that this statement is to be used for the purpose of a prosecution and that if it contains material which I know to be false or misleading, I will be guilty of an offence.

Dated the 9th of May, 2002.Signed: [Signature]Witnessed by (name): P. B. ROONEYof (address): 60 Wakefield StreetADELAIDESignature of Witness: [Signature]

I am a Detective Senior Constable stationed at the Child Exploitation Investigation Section. I began working at the Child Exploitation Investigation Section in July 2001. Shortly thereafter, in August 2001, I became involved in this investigation after correspondence was received from the Catholic Education Office. Several parents whose children attended St Ann's Special School had contacted the Catholic Education Office with concerns about their own children. I commenced compiling this declaration at about 2.30 p.m. on Sunday 24th March 2002, at Bundaberg.

I was issued with the relevant action and liaised with various parents, Catholic Education staff, Parent's Advocacy and the South Australian Professional Standards Resource Group on an ongoing basis.

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At about 2.25 p.m. on Thursday 29th November 2001 I was present at the Adelaide Exhibit Property viewing room, Penny Place, Adelaide, in company with a previous Principal of St Ann's Special School, Claude Hamam and Jane Swift of the Catholic Education Office. I was showing Claude Hamam a large number of photographs contained in the Perkins exhibit A303779, item 27. Claude Hamam identified a total number of 16 photographs, 13 definitely and 3 possibly as being different shots of LB, an ex-student of the school. I have since marked those photographs with the date and my signature for identification and placed them in a separate marked envelope within that exhibit item.

At about 12.25 p.m. on Monday 10th December 2001 I was present at the Adelaide Police Station in company with LL (the father of LB) when I produced the above-mentioned photographs for identification. LL confirmed that all 16 photographs produced were different shots of his son LB born LB 77.

On Friday 22nd March 2002, following the arrest of the accused on 20th March 2002, I travelled to Bundaberg, Queensland, in company with Detective Senior Constable MOSHEEV.

At about 3.30 p.m. that date an application was made to the Bundaberg Magistrates Court for the extradition of Brian Bertram Morris PERKINS to South Australia to answer a first instance warrant issued in 1994 for these matters. Bail and extradition were not contested and PERKINS was remanded in custody to facilitate his return to ADELAIDE on Monday 25th March 2002.

A successful application was also made to the same Magistrate for the issue of an extra-territorial search warrant authorising the search of PERKINS' home premises at 4684 Goodwood Road, Bundaberg.

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At about 4.20 p.m. that date Detective MOSHEEV and I attended at 4684 Goodwood Road, Bundaberg, to assist Bundaberg Police already in attendance. I saw Senior Constable Simon OBST of the Queensland Police Service video-taping the exterior and interior of the premises. I saw that an independent Justice of the Peace (Mr. Nicholas MAHONEY) was also present and monitoring the search. Detective Senior Constable Megan OWENS was the appointed exhibit officer responsible for recording details of all items seized. Others present were Detective Senior Constables David BATT, Russell WILLIAMS and David NIXON and Senior Constable Paul ELLIOTT, all of the Bundaberg C.I.B. I examined a personal computer situated in the front bedroom of the premises, removed it's outer casing, and unscrewed the hard disk drive placing it in a anti-static bag to preserve it's integrity. At the conclusion of the search the exhibit officer detailed the item seized on video. As a result of the search, the following items were seized and receipted accordingly;

- ◆ A vhs video tape from the front step
- ◆ An exercise book from the computer desk
- ◆ A computer hard drive
- ◆ 3 photographs of young children that were attached to 7 envelopes by paper clip from the front bedroom
- ◆ 7 envelopes described above addressed to 'Star Classifieds'

Later that evening, at about 5.30 p.m., I attended at the Bundaberg Watch House where PERKINS was spoken to by Detective Senior Constables MOSHEEV and ELLIOTT in the presence of myself and Detective Senior Constable BATT. The conversation was recorded on audiotape. PERKINS was cautioned and advised of the search of the premises and of what was taken.

I took possession of all the above-mentioned items, including the video-tape prepared by Senior Constable OBST, from Detective Senior Constable Paul ELLIOTT of the Queensland Police

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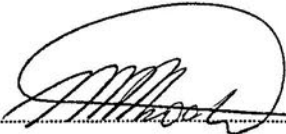
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Service at about 6.10 p.m. on Sunday 24th March 2002. I retained possession of the items and lodged them as Adelaide Police Station exhibits on Thursday 28th March 2002, Receipt Number 02/A74181.

At about 3.40 p.m. on Wednesday 10th April 2002 I was in company with Detective Mosheev, Karen Rogers and LH [redacted] when we drove to the area in the vicinity of the North Adelaide Aquatic Centre. LH [redacted] had stated that he may be able to direct us to 'Ted's' house from that location. We left Wakefield Street police complex at about 3.41 p.m. I activated a video camera to record the event and made an introduction of those present. We subsequently drove towards North Adelaide where I re-activated the camera at Jeffcott Street. We subsequently turned right into Fitzroy Tce and left onto Prospect Road to travel north. We travelled past 203 Prospect Road but LH [redacted] did not make a positive identification of the premises. We stopped on Prospect Road, north of Regency Road and the camera battery went flat at that location at about 4.00 p.m. We conducted a u-turn and travelled southerly, again passing the premises at 203 Prospect Road. LH [redacted] appeared to have a good long look at the premises on this occasion but he did not positively identify them. We pulled into the driveway of 203 Prospect Road and LH [redacted] stated 'House like that' (pointing at 203 Prospect Road) and 'Knock on the door and say where's Ted?'. **MD 60.**

On Wednesday 17th April 2002 I attended at the Adelaide Police Station exhibit property office in Penny Place where I obtained possession of a computer hard drive from property receipt 02/A74181 (item 1). I lodged the item for forensic analysis at the Forensic Computing Branch at 2.35 p.m. that date.

At about 10.10 a.m. on Tuesday 23rd April 2002 I re-attended at 203 Prospect Road, Prospect, in company with Detective Mosheev. Upon arrival I met LH [redacted], Christos Marinis and Karen Rogers. I subsequently activated a video camera and recorded a walk-through by LH [redacted]

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LH [] of the premises at unit 5. Unfortunately the battery of the video camera went flat whilst recording in the corridor of the premises. LH [] showed little to no reaction although I was not concentrating on his comments. After leaving the premises and whilst standing on the footpath just to the south of the premises LH [] commented that he remembered the toilet out the back and the entrance to the premises. MD 64.

At about 3.00 p.m. the same date LH [] telephoned the Child Exploitation Investigation Section stating that he was certain those were the correct premises. He said, "I remember now, that's the right house, Ted's house".

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