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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of: Steven LARKINS
 Place: Newcastle Police Station
 Date: 12 September 2011

Name: Ian EGGINS

STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 30 years of age.
3. I have employed by the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Service (HACS) since 9th November 2009. I work as a case worker managing child in the care of the service.
4. My boss at HACS was Steven LARKINS. Steve was the chief executive officer (CEO).
5. Since I started in 2009, I was AD [redacted]'S case worker. AD [redacted] was a long term HACS placement.
6. Upon becoming AD [redacted]'s case worker I accessed his 'case work' files. Upon accessing those files I saw Steve LARKINS was actively involved in his management. By this I mean there were numerous entries within AD [redacted]'s file which were made by Steve. From reading the case notes I was of the opinion Steve was AD [redacted]'s case manger.
7. Whilst I was AD [redacted]'s case worker I regularly picked AD [redacted] up and dropped him off at Steve's house. Steve's was from Steve's house in REDACTED [redacted]. Steve's house in REDAC [redacted] REDA [redacted] is a brick house on the corner.
8. I would regularly make taxi bookings to and from Steve's house for AD [redacted] as well as taxi books to and from AD [redacted]'s refuge at REDACT [redacted].

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9. Steve would always ask about AD's welfare. By that I mean Steve would ask how AD was going etc. Steve would also make decisions in relation to issues involving AD. If a decision had to be made in relation to the management of AD you would always had to go to Steve.
10. I only ever had to go to Steve for AD and no other child in the care of the service. Generally I would go to Ted Lancaster (Case Worker Management) about a child in care but for AD I had to go to Steve.
11. If there were any issues with AD, i.e. If he got suspended from school or in trouble, Steve would deal with it. Steve would get AD in and talk to him. I would be there as well but it was Steve who dealt with the situation with AD.
12. From about October 2010, Steve started to take a more active involvement in AD's management. By that I mean Steve started to ask about AD more often and Steve would ask me if he could catch up with AD, if I could transport him (Steve) to the shops so he (Steve) could purchase cigarettes for AD, if I would pick AD up and drop him at work, school etc or if I could organise AD to go out with Steve. For example to ten pin bowling on a Wednesday night.
13. The more time AD was spending with Steve I noticed a change in AD's behaviour. AD was absconding from his placement. If I ever had to find him he was either at Steve's house in REDACTED or I would contact Steve and he would know where AD was.
14. On 14th December 2010 I received a call from REDACTED. REDAC was AD's case worker at REDACTED. REDAC told me AD's worker, REDACTED. REDACT told me [REDACTED] had found some messages on AD's phone which he was concerned about.
15. I contacted REDA and spoke to him. He told me there were some messages on AD's phone which he had concerns about. The message on AD's phone were from a name called "Josh".
16. The next day (15/12/2010) I met up with AD and whilst I was with AD I asked AD if I could have a look at his phone. AD gave me his phone. AD and I were at the Mayfield Skate park.
17. I looked on AD's phone. I saw there was a message from a person called 'Josh'. Some of the messages were, [REDACTED] another said, [REDACTED]

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18. I saw there were messages on AD's phone to this 'Josh'. Some of the messages AD wrote were, ██████████ And ██████████

19. I thought it was a little odd because this morning I just picked AD up from Steve's house and the message was written from AD that morning. AD has just spent the night at Steve's house.

20. I saw the messages were from and to a person called "Josh" from phone number REDACTED RE.

21. After sometime, AD asked me if I could take him to Steve's house. I dropped AD off at Steve's house in REDACTED.

22. Later this day REDAC (from REDACTED) called me and told me they had found another phone number for "Josh" in AD's phone. That phone number was REDACTED.

23. On the 17th December I picked AD up from his placement in REDA. I took him to the Mayfield Skate Park. Whilst at Mayfield Skate park I went through AD's phone again.

24. I saw there was a message from 'Josh' that said, ██████████
██████████ I saved this phone number to my mobile phone.

25. Later that night when I went home I called the number of 'Josh' I had previously saved into my phone. I can't remember if the number I called was the REDACTED or the number REDACTED RE. Either way it was either number as these were the phone numbers for Josh in AD's phone.

26. I called the number. The phone rung and it was answered by a male. The person said Hello. I didn't say anything. The male person said "Hello" again. I recognised the voice as that of Steven LARKINS. I hung up.

27. I called this number another six (6) times. The phone number I called rung out those six times.

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28. The next day (18th December 2010) I was with AD again at Mayfield Skate Park. I checked AD's phone. I saw there was a message from Steve LARKINS work mobile phone. The message was from mobile phone number REDACTED .
29. This message said, "Did you try and call my other phone last night six times."
30. I thought it was a little strange that Steve would say that after I called a number six times the night before and the person I believed I was calling was Steve LARKINS.
31. After I found this out I immediately contacted the managers at HACS and told them what I just found. I also made notes at the time of what I saw and found out. I don't know what management did at HACS about the information I provided them in relation to Steve and AD . I know Steve was told not to have anymore contact with AD .
32. In January 2011 AD was placed with Steve full time. From January 2011 until the April 2011 I played a secondary role with AD and his case management. I still was AD's case worker but Steve took on all responsibility for AD and his management.
33. Steve would approach me from time to time and tell me about certain things he had to do with AD . For example issues at School Steve would deal with it and he would tell me after he dealt with it what he did.
34. I have looked at AD's file after Steve would tell me he attended a school meeting etc in relation to AD . I saw Steve did not make any notes in AD's case file in relation to his management.

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