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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 [REDACTED]'S case worker. [REDA] was a long term HACS placement.
6. Upon becoming [REDA]'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 [REDA]'s file which were made by Steve. From reading the case notes I was of the opinion Steve was [REDA]'s case manger.
7. Whilst I was [REDA]'s case worker I regularly picked [REDA] up and dropped him off at Steve's house. Steve's was from Steve's house in [REDACTED]. Steve's house in [REDACT] [REDA] is a brick house on the corner.
8. I would regularly make taxi bookings to and from Steve's house for [REDA] as well as taxi books to and from [REDA]'s refuge at [REDACT].

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9. Steve would always ask about REDA's welfare. By that I mean Steve would ask how REDA was going etc. Steve would also make decisions in relation to issues involving REDA. If a decision had to be made in relation to the management of REDA you would always had to go to Steve.
10. I only ever had to go to Steve for REDA 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 REDA I had to go to Steve.
11. If there were any issues with REDA, i.e. If he got suspended from school or in trouble, Steve would deal with it. Steve would get REDA in and talk to him. I would be there as well but it was Steve who dealt with the situation with REDA.
12. From about October 2010, Steve started to take a more active involvement in REDA's management. By that I mean Steve started to ask about REDA more often and Steve would ask me if he could catch up with REDA, if I could transport him (Steve) to the shops so he (Steve) could purchase cigarettes for REDA, if I would pick REDA up and drop him at work, school etc or if I could organise REDA to go out with Steve. For example to ten pin bowling on a Wednesday night.
13. The more time REDA was spending with Steve I noticed a change in REDA's behaviour. REDA 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 REDA was.
14. On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 I received a call from REDACTED REDACT was REDA's case worker at REDACTED REDACT told me REDA's worker, REDACTED REDACT told me REDACT had found some messages on REDA's phone which he was concerned about.
15. I contacted REDA and spoke to him. He told me there were some messages on REDA's phone which he had concerns about. The message on REDA's phone were from a name called "Josh".
16. The next day (15/12/2010) I met up with REDA and whilst I was with REDA asked REDA if I could have a look at his phone. REDA gave me his phone. REDA and I were at the Mayfield Skate park.
17. I looked on REDA's phone. I saw there was a message from a person called 'Josh'. Some of the messages were, REDACT another said REDACT

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28. The next day (18<sup>th</sup> December 2010) I was with REDA again at Mayfield Skate Park. I checked REDA'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 REDA. I know Steve was told not to have anymore contact with REDA.
32. In January 2011 REDA was placed with Steve full time. From January 2011 until the April 2011 I played a secondary role with REDA and his case management. I still was REDA's case worker but Steve took on all responsibility for REDA and his management.
33. Steve would approach me from time to time and tell me about certain things he had to do with REDA. 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 REDA's file after Steve would tell me he attended a school meeting etc in relation to REDA. I saw Steve did not make any notes in REDA's case file in relation to his management.

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