

**THE ROYAL COMMISSION  
INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES  
TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

**STATEMENT**

I, David Reginald JEFFERIES, retired, state as follows:-

1. I reside at an address known to the Office of the Crown Solicitor for the State of Queensland.
2. I am a retired Assistant Commissioner of Police. I served in the Juvenile Aid Bureau (JAB) of what was then the Queensland Police Force from 1968. After the Fitzgerald Inquiry concluded in 1989, I was seconded to the Queensland Police Academy. I retired from the Queensland Police Service in 2000 as the Assistant Commissioner, Northern Police Region.
3. In the mid-1970s, I worked with Dougal MacMillan in the JAB. We did a lot of work seeking to raise awareness in the community and among the professions about the incidence and prevalence of child sexual abuse, and to improve professionals' skills in identifying abuse cases and assisting in the detection and prosecution of offences.
4. At about that time, MacMillan and I became aware of allegations that four paedophiles were grooming and offending against boys at various places including northern Brisbane suburbs and at the Gold Coast. I recall that two of the suspects were JA [redacted], who owned an earthmoving business and was very well off, and JB [redacted], a teacher at a school in Brisbane's eastern suburbs. I do not recall the names of the other two suspects.
5. I understood from information obtained that there were boys who sold newspapers at the intersection of Moggill Road and Centenary Highway of an afternoon nearby the home of an afternoon. A signal had been arranged so that if the boys left a particular brick upright at that location, they would be available that evening. If they left the brick horizontal, they would be unavailable. I recall that the boys were taken to Kenmore, Pullenvale or the Gold Coast. The Alkira Boys' Home in

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Moggill Road, Indooroopilly, was adjacent to the Moggill Road-Centenary Highway intersection. The newspaper sellers may have been Alkira residents, but I cannot be sure about that. I'm not sure where this information was obtained from, but I do remember the information.

6. MacMillan and I oversaw the bulk of the investigation. It was a big operation. The four suspects were arrested. However, MacMillan and I were told that more experienced detectives would deal with JA and JB, and that MacMillan and I would deal with the two other suspects. In the event, the only convictions that resulted were against the two suspects that MacMillan and I dealt with.
7. MacMillan and I later received information that two boys who had been involved with JA had gone to Sydney. I am aware that one was returned, but I cannot recollect that person's identity without making further inquiries.
8. At the JAB MacMillan and I only ever operated in plainclothes, and were only ever stationed in the CBD. We were never stationed at Indooroopilly or elsewhere in the suburbs. In the 1970s, the JAB was a single unit in the CBD. There were not, as there are now, JAB officers attached to suburban and regional stations.
9. A number of charges were brought against JA over the years, but he was only ever convicted of one count of gross indecency.
10. MacMillan and I subsequently published an article in the Australian Police Journal. The article includes a number of anonymised case studies. Case study D in the article refers to JA.

I make this statement of my own free will believing its contents to be true and correct.

Dated at Brisbane this                      day of February 2014

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