

STATEMENT
STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, AJC
 OF, REDACTED
 DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: REDACTED 1957 - DARWIN
 TELEPHONE: WORK: N.A. HOME: NIL
 OCCUPATION: PENSIONER
 PLACE OF BUSINESS: N.A.
 SUBJECT: DONALD BRUCE HENDERSON

I, AJC, OF REDACTED, DO
 SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT:

I was born in Darwin on the REDACTED 1957 to my parents REDACTED
 and REDACTED.

When I was about 4 or 5 years old, which would have been in
 about 1962, I was taken with my brothers and sisters to
 live in the Retta Dixon Home on Bagot Road.

This was because my dad and mum were alcoholics and they
 couldn't look after us.

I lived in house number 1 and my house parents were George
 POUNDER and his wife who we used to call "Auntie". George
 and his wife had 3 children, Josh who was the oldest,
 Andrew who was the second oldest and Naomi who was the
 baby.

There were many young people living at Retta DIXON homes
 and our particular cottage had about 19 children in it as
 well as George POUNDER and his wife and 3 children.

The children in our cottage were James RUSSELL (10), Dennis
 KITCHING (7), Dennis JOHNSTONE (5), Jimmy WARDLE (3), Barry
 WARDLE (2), Malcolm CAMPBELL (2), John SAXBY 9 (same age),

Mark SAXBY (2 years younger), my twin brother Trevor CROSBIE, Barbara CUMMINGS (8), Shirley SHEPPARD (6), Sandra KITCHING (5), Elizabeth BICKMAN (4), Christine CROSBIE (sister 3), Gloria SAXBY (2), Colleen WALKER (2 years younger), Kathy WARDLE (2 years younger), Sandra WARDLE (7 years younger). (The figures in brackets are approximately the age that the children were older than me at the time).

We had 3 lots of house parents while I was at Retta DIXON, the first being the POUNDERS, the second being a single lady called Sandra and then the last couple who were the best were called Reg and Flo (surnames not known).

I remember that house 2 used to have cottage parents by the name of Donald and Barbara HENDERSON.

House 2 children that I can remember were Raymond CAMPBELL, Robert CAMPBELL, Malcolm CAMPBELL, Noel McMAHON, William McMAHON, Paul WEDELL, Peter WINSLEY, Rachel DEMEYER, Mary McMAHON who was also called Mary WHITTAKER and also later changed her first name to Carmel.

There were other children in the cottage but these are the ones that I can remember.

I also remember the KELLS brothers, Leon the eldest, Raymond then Tony but I can't remember which house they lived in.

I remember Mr. HENDERSON used to drive the tractor, which towed the trailer. This trailer was used to deliver the stores to each cottage once a week.

I remember that Mr. HENDERSON used to drive the tractor and he would often have younger children sitting on his lap as he drove this tractor around delivering the stores. The children that I remember sitting on his lap were

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I do remember on one occasion that he got [AJT] to get up on the tractor to sit on his lap and I saw that Mr. HENDERSON had his penis outside his shorts and it was erect.

Another occasion I remember is that when my cottage parent Sandra sent me over one morning to get some sugar from the store.

I went over to the store, which was in the middle of the compound, and at the end of the hall.

I saw that the door to the store was open, so I knocked and yelled out Mr. HENDERSON, but there was no answer, so I pushed the door open and sang out again and walked into the store.

As I did this Mr. HENDERSON came from behind some shelves and he had his shorts down around his knees and his penis was sticking straight out. He had a guilty expression on his face.

Then [AJE] from house 2 walked out pulling his pants up and he had an embarrassed look on his face.

I just got out of there as quick as I could and went and told Mr. PATTERMORE who was the Superintendent of the Retta DIXON home.

I don't know what happened about that.

I also remember catching Mr. HENDERSON another time.

This would have been when Reg and Flo were our house parents. I would have been about 11 or 12 years old at the time and I was going bike riding with [REDACTE] and [REDA] [REDACTED] who lived in house 2 with Mr. HENDERSON.

They had to find Mr. HENDERSON to get permission to go bike riding and we had been told that he was down in the chook house.

We all rode down there and when I looked in the chook house I could see Mr. HENDERSON with his shorts down around his knees and he had this chook in front of his penis and I couldn't see his penis. The chook was really screaming out.

When I seen this we all just bolted.

I think that we all just knew what Mr. HENDERSON was like but we were too scared to talk about it amongst ourselves.

Mr HENDERSON never made any approaches to me personally.

I WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN DARWIN WHEN REQUIRED AT ANY TIME DURING THE NEXT 3 MONTHS. I DO NOT EXPECT TO CHANGE MY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENCE DURING THAT TIME, NOR DO I EXPECT TO BE ABSENT FROM MY USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE EXCEPT ON WEEKENDS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS STATEMENT MAY BE DISCLOSED FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES.

AND I FURTHER DECLARE THAT I:

(a) HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 YEARS;

AND

(b) I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT BEFORE SIGNING IT;

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION BY VIRTUE OF THE OATHS ACT, CONSCIENTIOUSLY BELIEVING THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DECLARATION TO BE TRUE IN EVERY PARTICULAR. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A PERSON WILFULLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN A STATUTORY DECLARATION IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF 2,000 DOLLARS OR IMPRISONMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS OR BOTH.

DECLARED AT CASUARINA PLAZA THIS Monday, 30 DAY OF June, 2014

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BEFORE ME

ROGER NEWMAN
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS (NT)
CASUARINA PLAZA
TELEPHONE: REDACTED