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Dear Maria,

In regard to your questions I have gathered as much information as I am prepared to give at this point. I understand there is being an investigation. I want to let you know that any further information you seek will not be given without me seeking legal advice.

Re : Some Background questions

1. When did you first meet ^{BXJ} [redacted] ? In what circumstances?

I first met ^{BXJ} [redacted] in approx. July / August 1997 at Tennisworld. I was currently working for Tennisworld employed for coaching and marketing .At the time Noel Callaghan was coaching the NSW state junior squads at Tennisworld in the winter period. I often helped the juniors voluntarily in the past and as I had some time I was asked by Noel to play ^{BXJ} [redacted] a set of matchplay. I was generally always interested in how the juniors were progressing and always had a keen interest, so I agreed to play a set with ^{BXJ} [redacted]

2. ^{BXJ} [redacted] says you have been her tennis coach. When did this start? and finish? How often did you coach her? was the coaching in private lessons, in squads or in other circumstances?

Yes, I have been her coach.

It was after the initial first meeting at Tennisworld that at a later date approx March/April 1998 that ^{BXB} [redacted] called and asked me if I would coach ^{BXJ} [redacted]

Following this conversation we began lessons at Tennisworld in approx. March/April.

It was noted by myself, during the early lessons I asked [BXB] about [BXJ]'s previous coaches and she told me she had been unhappy with her most recent coaches and that she was searching for a suitable new coach and preferably a woman. In July 1998, my husband, our son and myself moved to [REDACTED] for new work opportunities. It was leading up to that I searched to find a replacement coach for [BXJ]. I then recommended to [BXJ] and her family, to continue lessons with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] whom I felt, was an appropriate choice for [BXJ]. I made contact with [REDACTED] and informed her of [BXJ] wanting lessons and she agreed. [REDACTED] and I agreed to stay in touch and she would keep me posted on [BXJ]'s progress reports etc. In October/Nov [BXJ] came to [REDACTED] and stayed with me in our home and for six weeks I privately coached/trained [BXJ] and organized training groups for her at [REDACTED] Tennis Club in [REDACTED]. Following this I have remained guiding [BXJ] throughout her career.

My coaching with [BXJ] in Sydney involved 2 or 3 private individual lessons per week. I would occasionally arrange other hitting partners for her. In [REDACTED] it was more intense and full time with [BXJ].

3. What roles did or do you still have with tennis NSW?

In approx. mid [REDACTED] I was employed part-time to help assist in coaching the NSW State Girls Squad. This was under the supervision Of Head coach Craig Miller. Before this I was playing professionally on the WTA tour. During my playing career I often volunteered my time, to practice and play sets with the younger girls. This was encouraged by Craig to help the girls gain experience. I had previously been an Elite State Girls Squad member in my junior years under the State coach Terry Rocavert.

4. What roles, did or do you have in tennis in NSW generally ?

My personal profile can be forwarded if needed.

Apart from this, following my retirement from Pro. Tennis I have had much involvement in tennis in NSW, such as:

- Employed part-time coach for NSW State Girls Squad.
- I often got asked as a role model for such days as Kids fun days and other events such as State organized clinics. Some of these were voluntary and others I was paid for by Tennis NSW. (Usually I was approached by Carol Langsford, for these types of things, to help players coming up in the ranks or to get more people involved in the game of tennis. I have known Carol for many years, as she was our head coach at my school.)
- I was approached by Carol to apply for a Women's tennis coaching scholarship. After being awarded this I helped assist in coaching at a training camp in Melbourne and to a satellite tournament in Port Pirie, S.A. I worked during this time with some of Australia's best juniors.
- I have also been employed privately by John Alexander and others, to play as a celebrity in Pro am tennis events.

5. Are you a current member of a tennis club in NSW? If so which one/ s?

No, due to residing in [REDACTED]. I was a member of White City and Chatswood Tennis Clubs for several years previously.

6. Are you a current member of the NSW Tennis coaches association? ?

No.

7. When did you first meet Noel Callaghan? How did you know him?

I have known Noel Callaghan for many years.

Noel Callaghan was my coach for a period of time. I have had private individual lessons with him and group squad lessons.

* Further information will be given at a later date

8. When did you become aware about the allegations made by [BXJ] ?

I became aware of the official allegations made by [BXJ] in the last few weeks.

9. When did [BXJ] tell you about this incident?

I became aware of the incident in approx. May / June 1998. It was during this time that I was coaching her privately and her Parents initially told me confidentially [BXJ] was afraid to talk about it at first, although at a later date in [REDACTED] when [BXJ] stayed with us, we spoke further between us.

10. What precisely did [BXJ] tell you occurred?

When [BXJ] spoke to me she confirmed exactly what her parents told me. That was that Noel Callaghan had tried to sexually abuse [BXJ] and that he constantly sexually harassed her and verbally abused [BXJ] and tried to destroy her reputation to others whom are linked with the tennis field. I was made aware just recently that some of this is currently still going on as [BXJ] had a run in with him last week.

11. How did you respond?

I initially was shocked and felt ill, although I knew in my heart that these allegations against Noel Callaghan were true.

It was at this point that I shared with [BXJ] and her parents, some of my own confidential experiences with Noel Callaghan. It was at this point I considered doing something about all this, as following this conversation I was very disturbed as I myself, have been traumatised for many years by bad memories in my past. The thought that

there is a very good chance there are currently more girls whom have had problems with Noel and it is still going on chills me. I asked [BXJ]'s parents first what they wanted to do about the incident. Likewise they asked me the same. Their answer to me was that if I were ever to come forward then they would not hesitate to do so also.

12. Did you tell anyone about your conversations with [BXJ]? If so who? and when?

Yes.

I initially told my husband the same day as I have shared all my own personal experiences with [REDACTED]. Following this I had a phone conversation with Amanda Dingwell in Approx. July 1998. During this conversation I took it upon myself to tell Amanda that I had proof linking Noel Callaghan with abuse and more (which I didn't elaborate too much). I told her I myself had proof and I currently know of one other player whom has confided in me.

Amanda then asked me who the other girl was and I told her it was [BXJ]. As I was unsure how to go about this matter, Amanda then asked me if she could pass this information on to Dawn Fogherty and Carol Langsford. I agreed for her to do this but told her at the time that I did not want it to be known further at that stage. I was due to leave Australia shortly after this and Amanda had agreed to keep me posted and updated on the progress. I left this in her hands and agreed that when the time came I would come forward as I wanted to put an end to this abuse which has been going on for too long.

13. Have you discussed the matter again with [BXJ]? If so when and what was discussed?

Basically [BXJ] and her parents have kept me updated with progress reports over a 12 month period, since the initial conversation I had with [REDACTED].

14. If there is anything further you wish to tell me then please feel free to do so.

All I'm willing to say at this point is that at some point when I receive legal aid I would be prepared to confirm [BXJ]'s allegation further in depth and my own personal experiences which are some very serious offenses. Until I have representation I feel it would not be in my best interest at this time to discuss intimate details due to the serious damage I have suffered from this man. I feel that you will need to think very carefully what decision Tennis NSW makes.

I hope I have assisted you enough at this point. Please keep me posted on your decisions and further actions.

Regards,

[BXD]