

- 1. Uncle Mc Ivor & REDACTED
- 2. Consider \$50,000 at least - up to \$70,000
- 3. Meet
- 4. Off Connell's

Declaration of Harm for X, dd/mm/yyyy.

16 JAN 2009

DECLARATION OF HARM MADE BY EK [Redacted]

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I, EK [Redacted] state:

My name is EK [Redacted]

Ph: REDACTED

My date of birth is REDACTED

This statement is prepared in support of my application to the Salvation Army to redress the harm that I endured while in care.

A. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Alkira Boys Home Indooroopilly, QLD (Salvation Army).
I was placed in the home with my older brother REDACTED in December 1973 until approximately August 1974.

B. NATURE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE

1. I was subjected to, and witnessed, psychological abuse. I was told that I was here because your parents don't want you and you will never be going home. I was told I will never amount to anything and would always be in places like this. Mr REDACTED and Captain Mc Ivor and Mr X8 used to say these things.
2. I was accused of burning down the church across the road, I was belted with the strap, punished by not receiving dinner, however I didn't do it. For a couple of weekends after this we were also made to clean up the remains of the fire.
3. My brother was beaten by the house parents and I was forced to watch, as a child I felt helpless and guilty that I was unable to help him.
4. I was locked in dark rooms. I was made to stay in a storage room, sometimes for hours on end.

C. NATURE OF PHYSICAL ABUSE

1. During my time at Alkira I remember experiencing a wide range of abuse by the carers of this institution. Such abuse consisted of being punched, slapped and having my hair pulled and I also recall being kicked. Mr REDACTED, Mr X8 and Mr Mc Ivor were also responsible for the physical abuse.

Signed, EK [Redacted]

Witness, REDACTED

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D. NATURE OF SEXUAL ABUSE

1. Some of the sexual abuse included being made to perform sex acts in the form of masturbation, being forced to perform oral sex through to being anally raped. The sexual abuse was committed by 2 of the carers; Captain Mc Ivor and the other was one of the house parents but I don't remember his name. However I remember he was an English man who left the home in the first half of 1974 to supposedly return to England with his family. The sexual abuse occurred on at least 8-10 occasions and began in the first couple of weeks around Christmas and took place mainly in the storage room and in an office and once in the house parent accommodation area.

E. HARM SUFFERED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

1. I have suffered the following injuries, illness and/or psychological harm as a result of the abuse I suffered.

a. Physical Injuries

I have experienced bowel problems in my 20's, which I had to seek medical attention but was too embarrassed to tell the doctor of my anal abuse as a child.

b. Illness

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Depression
Anxiety

c. Psychological Injuries

I believed the sexual abuse was a punishment, which left me feeling dirty and ashamed of myself. I remember entering the home as a happy, innocent and trusting young boy however by the time I left in 1974 I was sad, scared and very withdrawn. Due to the traumatic experiences I endured and witnessed during my time in care I eventually turned to substance abuse to try and forget the memories and numb out the pain I suffered. To this day I continue to experience nightmares and often wake up feeling depressed, hopeless, tearful and angry over the abuse. I find it difficult to trust people in general and can't form friendships or show love towards others and have difficulty expressing myself emotionally. When I see Salvation Army uniforms or advertisement I have flashbacks to those

Signed

EK

Witness

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traumatic experiences of childhood in the care of the Salvation Army. As a man I have I felt ashamed of the sexual abuse I endured at Alkira and until recently have never spoken to anyone about the sexual abuse I suffered.

F. MEDICAL TREATMENT

1. Medical treatment for bleeding from the bowels
2. Medical treatment for drug addiction
3. Medical treatment for alcohol addiction
4. Treatment for depression

G. MEDICATION

1. Subitex
2. Valium
3. Camperal
4. Panedine Forte

H. CARE PROVIDED BY OTHERS

1. Counselling and ongoing support from the Aftercare Resource Center
2. Drug and Alcohol unit at the Princess Alexander Hospital
3. Currently on parole – 3 years

I. THE EFFECT ON MY LIFE

1. I have difficulty trusting others
2. Am often hypervigilant
3. Struggle with substance addiction
4. Difficulty initiating and maintaining friends
5. Difficulty initiating and maintaining relationships
6. Identity issues
7. Confusion over sexuality
8. I struggle to make sense of who I am and where I fit in the world
9. Have spent approximately 17 years in jail
10. I feel guilty that I haven't been a parent to my 2 sons
11. I struggle with parenting to this day
12. I have low self esteem, self confidence and low self worth

EK

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Witness

[Redacted Witness Name]

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- 13. I feel sad and alone the majority of my life
- 14. I often have suicidal thoughts
- 15. I have tried to overdose
- 16. I have had to settle for low paying and unskilled labour due to lack of education
- 17. I have no close relationships with my family of origin

J. SIGNATURES

[Full Name]

Date.

Signed

EK

Witness

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