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I talked to GD about his time in Bexley Boys Home. John is 44 and was in the home with his twin brother GA (GA changed his name) and his older brother REDACTED b. 12.3.59 or 58. REDACTED is REDACTED deceased. He was killed in a motor bike accident when he was 21. John was with him and held him while he died.

GD spoke of the cruelty and hardness of Captain Morton, who was in charge. He said he was abusive by striking the boys and pushing them around. GD received beatings regularly for things like falling asleep in church or sleeping in the grounds etc. He said they slept in the day because at night they didn't sleep very well. They were always on guard in case they were sexually abused. The perpetrator was Captain McIver and another night staffer whose name started with C. He thinks it might have been Campbell.

He also talked about a Captain REDA who was very cruel also. In the 80's John was in rehab in Brisbane and this same fellow was working at the homeless shelter up there. He left rehab because he couldn't handle REDAC being so close by.

He continues to have night mares about his time at Bexley. He started taking drugs and drinking in order to blot it out and have battled with them ever since although he has been clean for the last 22 months.

One of his nightmares is about a boy who was there at the same time as he was. They became friends. One night he had some sort of attack. He thinks now it might have been asthma. It was about 3 o'clock in the morning and he ran to get some help for him. The person he told kicked him and shoved him away and told him to go back to bed. The next morning the boys were called together and told that the boy died. He feels that there was no help given to the boy. An ambulance wasn't called and no attempt was made to give the boy medical help. He wonders now whether the attack was precipitated by a sexual attack. Even last week he had a nightmare about this.

He would like us to check records and tell him what we know about this boy. He needs some closure with this issue.

He said that Ellie the cook was nice to them. He said she knew what was going on though.

Apart from the alcohol and drug abuse, GD said his life has been grossly affected. He still feels he is always watching his back and guarding against "people". He has four children but has spent more time in jail or rehab than at home with his family. He has had two of his children taken from him because of his addictions and is fighting to get them back now. He can't get close to his children or hug them because an adult close to a child reminds him of his abuse.



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