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### CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

GE [REDACTED] (DOB: REDACT)

Following a referral from Lt. Colonel Merv Rowland of the Salvation Army, I saw GE [REDACTED] on April 10 and May 1st (2003) in my consulting room at the above address. I also spoke with him by phone to clarify information provided in sessions. The following history is based on comments made by GE [REDACTED] during the above sessions and phone call.

During our session GE [REDACTED] presented as cooperative and calm in his manner. It was necessary to ask several questions to clarify time frames and details of his conversation.

GE [REDACTED] was born in Cunnamulla but also lived in Charleville and Quilpie with family and relatives during his early childhood. He moved to Toowoomba in the late 1960's with his father and stepmother RE [REDACTED] whom GE [REDACTED] said 'flogged me a lot'.

He was placed in care and protection in the late 1960's but doesn't know 'what for'. At 8 or 9 years of age he was sent to Brisbane to attend Bremer Opportunity School and lived at the Salvation Army Boys Home at Alkiri (Indooroopilly, Brisbane). He said a lot of the boys there were from abusive families. Each 'house' at the home had its own Commander and a university student looking after the boys.

GE [REDACTED] said there was an incident at the Salvation Army Home 8 months after his arrival when he and another boy (he thinks his name was REDA [REDACTED]) were called to the office of a Captain Wilson (a Salvation Army Officer at the home) because of their behaviour. After speaking to them the other boy was told to go. GE [REDACTED] was made to pull his trousers down and, in a naked 'push-up' position, was flogged with a barber's strap. He was then sent outside to sit on a seat and later brought inside by Captain Wilson a second time and sexually abused by Captain Wilson (first sexual play with him and then oral and anal penetration). GE [REDACTED] said Captain Wilson no longer works for the Salvation Army ('Wilson became a Major then left the Salvation Army and I am curious why').

He never told anyone at the home about the sexual abuse, as he didn't question adults even when they molested him. He thought of running away from the home. GE [REDACTED] left Alkiri when he was 11 years of age after his dad 'got him out'. He returned to Toowoomba to live with his father and stepmother.

He continued his primary and secondary education (Centenary Heights SHS) in Toowoomba. During this time he was again flogged by his stepmother and still under 'care and protection'. Has 'in and out' of Westbrook Detention Centre. He left High School before completing his education and 'hung around' Toowoomba (he was 'like street kid'). He was often in trouble with the police and was at the Westbrook detention centre until 13 years of age. At Westbrook (and later in jail) he said he often thought of Wilson, what he did, and he wanted to kill him.

Family Services found a home for him when he left Westbrook with 'foster' parents REDA and RED. He seemed to get on with them. GE left RED and RED for a short while, returned to them when he was 16, then left Toowoomba to live on the Gold Coast. There he was caught stealing and sent to Boggo Road jail (the first time for 12 months) when he was 16 years old. He was in and out of jail every year when he lived at the Gold Coast.

He had a lot of mates in jail. On one occasion he bashed someone in jail. He was homophobic while in jail (he said that only recently had he begun dealing with this after a long time). He now felt 'OK' now about homosexuals. In jail he also hated child molesters (on one occasion he poured hot fat over a child molester's head in jail). It wasn't until 1982 he left jail but later was in jail again. The last time he was in jail was in 1985.

Things began changing when he met REDAC (he had hope and she helped him). From 1978 to 1986 he lived with his partner REDAC (when not in jail). They moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1984. GE said he then went to Cairns in 1988 with REDAC because he wanted a change of life. His whole life was changed after that. REDAC left him in Cairns because he was 'cold-hearted'.

GE then lived with RED in Cairns from 1988 until June 1990. He met REDA 16 years ago (said he met her in 1984) and lived with her for 14 years (with REDAC 8 years before that). He said the relationship with RED lasted from 1987 - 2001. They had a child, REDAC who was born (mother was RED) in Cairns in August 1990. Another child, REDA was born 6 years ago (1997).

His relationship with RED didn't last and after they separated he returned to the Sunshine Coast. RED didn't want him and he couldn't change nappies. He said he was also 'cold' towards RED. He met REDA at the Sunshine Coast 12 years ago (1991). REDAC lived with them and REDA looked after him. He trusts his girlfriend and the kids.

In jail he talked to RED who said he had been sexually molested as a child in the/a Boy's home. It was then that GE decided he should not let 'them' get away with it.

GE said he reported the abuse to the police. In Townsville last year GE also reported the abuse incident to the Salvation Army. He saw a Salvation Army Officer who, according to GE said, told him 'we know it happened'.

Last year Aboriginal Legal Aid wanted him to sue for compensation and when GE came to Toowoomba this year he saw a local solicitor (Mr. Madden) who also wanted him to take the Salvation Army to court. GE said didn't want a lot of money but he has now changed his mind about accepting an apology and is seeking compensation. He now wants 30 years pay to compensate for the trauma and suffering he has experienced because the Salvation Army didn't apologise. He said the \$10,000 offered 'won't fix the problem and is not fair compensation'. Instead of giving him what he wanted from them (an expression of sincere remorse and an apology) the Salvation Army 'passed the buck' by offering him money instead. At the time he didn't want any money but a sincere apology. He now wants 30 years pay for trauma and suffering he experienced

Since then he has changed his mind about compensation and now wants money to pay a lady for counselling. He said he didn't reject the offer of counselling (which the Salvation Army would provide and pay for) but said 'five sessions won't fix the problem'. He wants the money to pay for counselling from a lady he knows who is married to his uncle ('her name is RED and she listens to me'). He'll pay RED for counselling from the money he gets from compensation. He has been seeing her for 5 months.

To support his claim of being sexually abused [GE ] said he had difficulty showing physical affection to his present partner and to his children, especially [REDACTED] (born to his previous partner [REDACTED]). 'When [REDACTED] was born I couldn't touch him'. [REDACTED] is naturally affectionate and likes to touch but won't sit on his lap. Only recently he has been able to show affection to his children.

He said he 'hasn't slept with [REDACTED] for a long time' and isn't affectionate. He has difficulty accepting physical affection (rejects cuddles). He doesn't cuddle [REDACTED]. There is no quality in their relationship (no touch, no gifts, don't sleep together) but he likes seeing his family.

His alleged comments about difficulty with touch and expressing affection, jail, an unsettled childhood and youth (began before he entered the home), and the Townsville Salvation Army Officer's comments are consistent with experiencing childhood abuse and other childhood difficulties. He is angry with Captain Wilson that he and others were abused). His anger 'has to do with the kids and me personally' (effect on himself and relationship with his children).

He said that if he goes into a toilet block 'and they look at me I get angry and belt him' (this has happened twice). He also worries about trying on clothes in a shop and being exposed. He has worried about what others are thinking ('is he gay?'). He thinks his life won't be the same and could have been better (if he hadn't been abused). Emotional responses include shame if others know, withdraw, timidity, and being unable to feel. Other possible indicators of abuse include comments made by [GE ] including: withdrawal, anger, affect on him (personality; character) and disliking the company of abusers and homosexuals.

I have sought to provide an independent and accurate report of [GE ] comments to me during the sessions with him as requested by you and trust it will assist the Salvation and [GE ] [GE ] discuss his claim. I have not expressed my own personal opinions to [GE ] or influenced in any way his comments. I have focussed on listening to the wants, history, and experiences that he shared. I have not had (and will not have) further contact with [GE ] and did not seek to counsel him in any way.

I trust this report will be helpful in assisting you in relation to [GE ] claim.

Yours Sincerely



Ian Collett (Registered Psychologist)

**Invoice enclosed**

My new email address is : [REDACTED]