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I am 17 years of age and was born on the [REDACTED] 1954.

I am a student and am in Form 5 at St. Joseph's Catholic College, Mildura.

I live with my mother and father, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mildura.

About 8 years ago I was living with my mother and father on my grandfathers property [REDACTED] in New South Wales. When I turned 9 years of age I boarded at the Convent of Mercy, Mildura with the Mercy Nuns and attended Sacred Heart College.

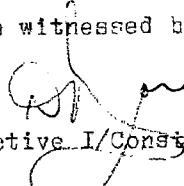
From the day that I started school, I knew Father DAY the Parish Priest, he was the patron of the school.

After I had been at boarding school for about 3 years, one Saturday afternoon, Father DAY asked another boarder [REDACTED], who was a little older than me, she would be about 16 years of age at the time, and me if we would clean his car, after we had cleaned his car, he asked us if we would like to go for a drive with him, we agreed and Father drove us about the town for a while and then drove down to Walnut Avenue, where he asked us both if we would like to steer the car. We were all sitting in the front seat, at one stage I was sitting beside Father DAY and had to lean over him with my arms fully extended to steer the car, Father put his left arm around me and his left hand on my left breast. I didn't say anything to him because I thought it may have been an accident. Altogether I went out driving with Father DAY about 5 times, there was always another boarder with me, this was always on a Saturday afternoon after cleaning his car. I may add that the reason we cleaned his car was because he gave us a soft drink and we also got out of some study. Everytime I was in the car and seated next to him and steering the car he would either put his left arm along the back of the seat or around me and his left hand on my breast, when he had his hand on my breast he would tap with his fingers.

About 6 months after this had happened I told mum what Father DAY had done and she went to the College and told Sister EUPHEMIA.

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Statement taken and signature witnessed by me at 4:15pm on the 30th of September, 1971.


(D. RYAN.)
Detective I/Constable. 11468.