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STATEMENT

Name: REDACTED

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My full name is REDACTED I am 50 years old. Police are aw of my address. I do not wish for any of my personal details to be given out with my permission.

I was about 14 or 15 years old when my parents were going through divorce. I

sister and I lived with mum in Ashley Street, Reservoir. My dad would come and stay at different times but it wasn't for long amounts of time.

My mother was Catholic and after she separated from dad she began attending at a church in Spring Street, Reservoir. It was about 100 metres from the back of the Reservoir Police Station.

I recall at the time I was playing under 16 cricket at the Heidelberg Cricket Club would catch the train to and from cricket.

My mother became friends with the priest at the church and she wanted me to meet him and take communion. I met with the priest Father Michael GLENNON at the church. We were in a room off the altar area where there were bibles, goblets and his robes. It was basically a storage type area. GLENNON was a wiry man with long hair. I recall he was into some form of martial arts. He wasn't that tall.

It was around 1977 or 1978. I know this because I recall playing cricket at that time for the Under 16's.

At my first meeting with him he started off by getting to me stuff and told me about the church. He told me that to do communion I would have to take confession first. There was a process that I would have to go through before getting to the communion stage.

I went back to the church to see him and I can't recall if it was on the first meeting or second meeting he spoke to me about masturbation.

I was a very naive 15 year old and I told him I didn't know what he was talking about. He asked me if I ever touched my penis. He told me that I need to come back and see him a few times.

At the time I had no idea whether it was right or wrong to tell him if I touched myself. I had no reason to question it.

My mum was really keen for me to go and see the priest and wanted me to continue seeing him.

On the second or third occasion I went to see GLENNON at the church. He asked me questions about masturbation and if I touched myself. He asked how I touched myself and if anything came out. I asked him what he meant and told him that I didn't know what he was talking about. He asked if any fluid came out of my penis. I told him I didn't think so.

He told me what I was doing in the eyes of the Lord wasn't right but that it was good that I was telling him these things. He said I needed to confess these things to him so that I could take communion.

It was around the third occasion that I went to see GLENNON that he again asked me about masturbation and told me to take my pants off and show him how I did it.

I followed his instruction because I was unsure and thought I had to show him part of my confession. I didn't tell anyone about it. I felt very shy, embarrassed and uncomfortable about the whole thing. He told me there was no problem to this and that it was all okay.

Each time I went to see him there was a gradual progression. On the 3rd of 4 times I went there he came up very close to me and I remember the smell of sperm on his breath. He told me to take my clothes off and show him how I masturbated. I took my pants down and he had his penis out.

He wanted to touch me and wanted me to touch him on the penis.

I remember standing there and he was touching my penis with his hand and I was touching himself with his hand on his penis. He also asked me to touch his penis. I touched his penis with my hand; he actually grabbed my hand and placed it on his penis.

GLENNON asked me to lick his penis and I told him that I couldn't do that. He said it was O.K. and assured me that it wasn't wrong. I was touching his penis with

mouth and he then forced his penis into my mouth and pushed it in. I felt like I was gagging and choking on it.

I recall that there was some ejaculation from him into my mouth. I don't know how long the whole thing went on for but it seemed like an eternity.

Everything that happened was in the same location. Each time I saw GLENN, it was in the same room.

I felt dirty and I felt it was wrong. He kept assuring me there was nothing wrong.

Each time I went back it would advance in stage. My mother was insistent that I keep going to see him. I couldn't tell her what was going on at that stage.

On the last occasion that I went to see him, he went through a similar process to the other times I had been there. He asked if I had masturbated during the course of the week and if it felt good. He came up close to me and tried to kiss me. I pushed him away and told him that he shouldn't be doing this. Again he reassured me that everything was O.K. He told me to remove my clothes and I was standing there naked. He took his pants down. I don't remember if he dropped them to the ground or whether he took them right off. I recall he was still wearing something on his top half.

He turned me around to face a chair that was in the room. He then pushed me forward so that I was bent over. I asked him what was going on and he said everything was fine. I could feel his erect penis on my back and then near the cheeks of my arse.

He started to touch me around my arse with his fingers. He then put something inside my arse. I think it was one or more of his fingers. I screamed because it really hurt. He then told me that it won't hurt and that he won't hurt me.

I then felt him push his penis inside my arse. It was larger than the first attempt with what I think were his fingers. I screamed and told him I can't do this. It was really painful and felt like sand paper. The pain lasted for some time after it happened. I told him I needed to go home.

I left there crying and didn't know what to do. I went home and thought about
Some time during that next week I told my mum what had been happening and
what GLENNON had been doing to me. She said I was lying and that it couldn't
happen because he was a priest.

I recall that GLENNON had been asking mum if he could take me and my sister
to his property in the country. I don't know where it was but I think maybe around
Gisborne. I know I was arguing that there was no way I wanted to go or for that
matter go back to see him ever again. This was around the same time I told mum
what GLENNON had done to me.

I can say that what GLENNON did to me really ruined my life. It has destroyed
me.

The time from the first time I went to see him and the last would have been less
than 12 months.

I have never felt that I could really tell anyone about what happened to me. I was
so embarrassed and ashamed.

Just before Christmas, I went to the manly Police Station and reported what
happened to me to a male officer. He took down some notes in a notebook. I don't
remember his name.

I received a phone call from John RAGLUS from Victoria Police who told me that
the Victoria Police would be investigating the matter.

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Statement taken and signature witnessed by me
at Sydney NSW on Wednesday, 20th February,

2013 at 9.10p.m.

L. ROSS
Detective Senior Constable 28745

I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of perjury.

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