

STATEMENT

Name: Abraham GLICK

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My full name is Abraham GLICK. I am 65 years of age and my personal details are known to the police. I am a Rabbi attached to the Yeshivah Centre. I have worked in a number of different positions attached to the Yeshiva Centre.

I grew up in Melbourne. I was ordained as a Rabbi in New York in 1968. I spent two years in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA as a youth leader and teacher. I returned to Australia with my family to the Yeshivah College in 1970 as a youth leader and teacher. The Yeshivah College is in Hotham Street, St Kilda East. I then became head of Jewish studies at Yeshivah College in 1974. I became the Principal of the Yeshivah College which is a branch of the Yeshivah Centre in 1986. I was working under the directorship of Rabbi GRONER who was the Rabbi of the Yeshivah community and director of the Yeshivah Centre. I resigned as Principal in 2007 and have since worked in the Yeshivah College as a teacher, head of Jewish studies and head of student well-being.

I have been by the police to provide information in relation to my knowledge of David CYPRYS. David was a student at Yeshivah College. I believe that he is about 45 years of age so I believe that he would have started at the college in the early 1970's. David would have attended our college until at least mid way through high school. I can't be certain if he graduated from Yeshivah College.

David had an interest in martial arts and became an instructor in this field. David established a security company after leaving school and also became a locksmith. To the best of my knowledge, David was never employed by the Yeshivah College as a teacher or a counsellor. David did not have qualifications to act in either of these roles. Students who were in need of counselling whether it was psychological or emotional, were referred by Rabbi GRONER to a psychologist who worked closely with our school

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but not employed by the school. This person was Jocelyn SEARBY. Rabbi GRONER worked closely with Jocelyn and would refer students and members of the community to her for counselling. David later acted as a security guard and locksmith at the Yeshivah Centre. He was not employed by the school; he was a self employed contractor looking after security at the Yeshivah Centre which included institutions and buildings as well as the Yeshivah College. This was around 2000 and it was for a few years.

I believe that David CYPRYS acted as a volunteer during summer camps known as 'Gan Israel'. The camps were run each summer at various camp sites throughout Victoria. I ran the camps from 1970 to 1973. A number of people ran the camps after me including Ron TATARKA, Jeremy LOEBENSTEIN and Tuffy ARON. I am not sure in which capacity David worked but I think it was helping to transport campers to various activities and locations. I also think he assisted in logistics such as transporting supplies to the camps.

I believe also that David instructed students after school hours in martial arts or self defence. It is my understanding that David assisted with the summer camps until the early 1990's.

David was married in the mid 1990's. He REDACTED eventually divorced. Around the time of his divorce it was rumoured/known within the community that David was homosexual. What was known in the community was that he was homosexual but there was no talk about him molesting children. More recently it became known that the students did talk about David allegedly molesting children but amongst the children there was a code of keeping this in "their world". In other words, keeping it at the level of the children. The children did not discuss these issues with adults. I have no recollection of any child or parent making a complaint to me about David CYPRYS molesting children. I do recall when David was acting as a Security guard at Yeshivah Centre; Zepaniah WAKS complained to me that David should not hold such a position as people knew he was homosexual. I recall telling him that I had not employed David CYPRYS, he did not work for the school and that he should raise the issue with Rabbi GRONER as the head of Yeshivah Centre. I also recall saying that

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I did not believe that Rabbi GRONER would have allowed him to act as a security guard unless he felt that he was currently not a threat to anyone. This was in the early 2000's.

Recently I became aware of accusations that have been made against David. The accusations were that David molested a number of children. At the time the offences were alleged to have occurred, I had no knowledge of these accusations. Attitudes at the time were very different to current attitudes. In those times it was a general practice that parents would not discuss these types of issues with anyone other than Rabbi GRONER in his capacity as Rabbi of the community and director of the colleges. Rabbi GRONER dealt with many private and confidential issues affecting families in the community and he dealt with these matters in strict confidence.

Rabbi GRONER never divulged to me the names of individuals that brought complaints to him. If I ever discussed matters with Rabbi GRONER, it was in a general sense but names of individuals that confided in him were not disclosed to me. Rabbi GRONER handled these complaints very discreetly and would seek professional advice mainly from Jocelyn SEARBY.

On the 6th of December 2011, police from Moorabbin SOCIT attended Yeshivah College. I spoke with Acting Detective Sergeant Matt CAMPBELL. I was asked about a small secretary's room that was opposite the Principal's office. This room is no longer in existence as the school was refurbished and remodelled a number of years ago. That office was a temporary structure that was there for a number of years from the early to mid 1980's. I was also asked about wooden railings that students would sit on in the 1980's and 1990's. I explained that they were there to protect garden bedding but no longer exist due to renovations.

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Statement taken and signature witnessed by me
at 1:00 PM on 08/12/2011 at Caulfield

(Matt CAMPBELL)
Acting Detective Sergeant 30151

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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(Abraham GLICK)

Acknowledgment made and signature witnessed by me
at 1:02 PM on 08/12/2011 at Caulfield

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