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Witness Name HIA 60

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 60

HIA 60 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. My father was a [REDACTED] living in [REDACTED] and my mother was an [REDACTED] who moved to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] when she was [REDACTED]. My parents were married [REDACTED]. I was told this by two different aunts on either side of the family. I am named [REDACTED] HIA 60 on my birth certificate. I have a [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] SND 135 who was born of [REDACTED].
2. My parents separated permanently in and around [REDACTED] and my mother returned to [REDACTED] with me and [REDACTED].
3. I was known as [REDACTED] throughout my childhood. I only started to use the name [REDACTED] HIA 60 when I starting my training as a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. My [REDACTED] was very good to me and people in Derry knew him. When he died in [REDACTED] it was in tribute to him that I changed my name to [REDACTED]. I was known as [REDACTED] as my [REDACTED] was well known and respected by our community.
4. When we moved to Derry one of my mother's jobs was cleaning in [REDACTED]. She started working there when I was about [REDACTED] years old.

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and she cleaned there most days. I therefore knew [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

St Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbacca, Derry [REDACTED]

5. I was first admitted to Termonbacca in [REDACTED] along with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] My mother was in a relationship with a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and she planned to move [REDACTED] to be with him and she did not
want to take us with her so she placed us in Termonbacca. When my
[REDACTED] found out he put a stop to her plan and gave my Aunt [REDACTED]
instructions to get us and bring us home. [REDACTED] I met and
became friends with [REDACTED] SND 132 I also remember [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] HIA 12
[REDACTED] HIA 12

6. I feel that I owe [REDACTED] such an enormous debt for taking me out of
there when I was a young boy as that likely prevented me from becoming a
victim of sexual abuse like so many other young boys. I do not believe that I
possess the resilience to have been able to survive that type of abuse.

Termonbacca [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED] admission to Termonbacca was on [REDACTED] when I was
[REDACTED] years old. My mother and I had had an altercation about whether I had
gone to school. I had a bad attendance record at school. I only ever went if
there was football on that day. I said I had not been that day and she hit me
over the head with a full milk bottle. My mother had a history of being violent
towards me. Her temper went in two or three day cycles. She was very bitter
and resentful of people and her anger would build up and she would take it out
on me. She would have hit me with her hands until I was about [REDACTED] years old
when she hurt her hand one day hitting me. After that she would have used a
belt or a broom handle. She even put my head through a window once. She
would often come in and hit me when I was in bed sleeping so I used to sleep
under the bed with the window open so she would think that I had left. She
started going out with a man called [REDACTED] and she got him to beat me a
couple of times. She would then calm down for a couple of days and wouldn't hit

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me. When she hit me with the milk bottle that day I thought she was mad and that she was going to kill me so I left the house and went to the Samaritans. I told them that [REDACTED] to me was [SND 468] I agreed with the Samaritans that I would go to [REDACTED] house. A [REDACTED] called [SND 465] came to see me at [REDACTED] house a few days later. She made an assessment and admitted me to Termonbacca.

8. I was [SR 1] group which was called the [REDACTED] group. There were civilian members of staff who would assist her and they would work on a rota basis. The names of those members of staff that I remember are [SND 194] [SND 145] [SND 447] [SND 146] [SND 144] [SND 144] and [SND 39]

9. At that time I was attending [REDACTED] school at [REDACTED] [SND 132] [SND 132] was still there and we became good friends.

10. There were ex-residents who were between [REDACTED] years older than me who would come back to Termonbacca. When everyone reached the age of sixteen they left Termonbacca but some would return. I imagine either because it was the only home they knew or they knew that the boys were easy targets to abuse. I understand that when [SR 5] was working in Termonbacca in the [REDACTED] I do not know why she made that decision. I have often wondered whether she was aware of abuse by ex-residents and took this decision to put a stop to it. [SR 5] [SR 5] was replaced in [REDACTED] [SR 2] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Some of them were really nice, decent people who played football with us or helped us with our chores like [HIA 22] [HIA 136] [SND 154] and [HIA 130] Others like [SND 76] [SND 76] [SND 94] [SND 152] and [SND 153] [SND 153] were not so nice and I was always wary of them. I remember I walked into the kitchen on my second evening and I got punched in the face four or five times by an ex-resident.

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11. I was also assaulted by an ex-resident called [SND 76] within the first couple of months. When I arrived in Termonbacca I had no clothes with me. There was a clothes store which the residents were given clothes from. I had outgrown the clothes so [SR 1] bought me new clothes. One of the new items was a lamb's wool jumper which I loved. One evening I was in the television room and I was wearing that jumper. [SND 76] seemed to resent my new clothes and he was trying to get [SND 136] [HIA 69] and [SND 132] to gang up on me. I left the television room rather than allow myself to be provoked. [SND 76] followed me and pulled me into the sewing room which was beside the television room. He tore my new jumper. He pushed my face down onto the sewing bench which was in the middle of the room. He was behind me and was trying to pull off my clothes. He ripped off my new jumper tearing it in two. I managed to fight him off and I ran out of the sewing room up to my room which I was able to lock. I remained there until I knew [SR 1] had returned from prayers. The nuns always went to prayers at about 6.30pm every evening and were away for about 45 minutes. This attack always puzzled me as it was of a totally different nature to the other physical violence I had experienced. However in [redacted] I was watching the [redacted] news and saw [SND 76] being interviewed about being a [redacted] I phoned [SND 132] about this and he said to me [redacted] [SND 76] [redacted] [SND 76] attack and his motivation for that attack then made sense to me.

12. I was also assaulted by [SND 94] [SND 94] was an ex resident who worked on [redacted] [SND 132] and I had gone into the shower room to have a shower. We had to wear pants in case the nuns or a female member of staff would enter to see if we were showering. [SND 94] appeared. He pointed to my groin and exclaimed 'have you got an erection boy? Let me see!'. I refused and he lashed out and punched me in the face. I had seen [SND 94] [SND 94] punch another boy called [SND 133] in the face during a choir practice. I had been wary of him since then.

13. [SND 132] would ask me to go for walks with him. He would have cigarettes hidden in one of the trees or an animal that he was trying to look after. He

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admitted to me years later that he asked me to go on those walks with him for protection from [SND 94]. There is a farm house on the grounds of Termonbacca which looks over the children's home and had a good vantage point. I assume that [SND 94] was looking out the window of the farm house to see who was out for a walk. He would appear out of nowhere when we were out walking. [SND 132] never wanted to meet him when he was on his own.

14. I shared a room [redacted] other boys before [redacted] [SR 1] decided that [redacted]. However when you are concentrating on surviving from day to day [redacted] are not at the forefront of your mind. One of the boys I shared a room with was called [HIA 69] [HIA 69]. He was [redacted]. He was a very unsavoury person and I was always suspicious of him. He would try to bully and intimidate people. I asked him once why he abused the younger children and he told me it was because it had been done to him by older boys. The [redacted] in the room were [HIA 86] aged [redacted] and [HIA 92] aged [redacted]. [redacted] In the mornings I would get [HIA 86] and [HIA 92] up and get them washed and dressed. I would also polish their shoes. We would have our breakfast together and I would take them to the school bus. I remember [HIA 92] and [HIA 86] following me a lot. They sat beside me in the television room and they followed me outside to play football. My suspicions about [HIA 69] were confirmed when I met [HIA 92] in [redacted] and he told me that the only time [redacted] had been safe from physical and sexual abuse in Termonbacca was when I was present. He told me he intended to report the perpetrator [HIA 69] to the police. I then met [HIA 86] and [HIA 92] in [redacted] in September 2013 and they told me that they were woken up at night by three or four people who they did not know who sexually abused them. This happened after I had moved from that room as I would not have let anything happen to them when I was there.

15. I believe the younger children had no chance. There were too many nooks and crannies, too many rooms and such large grounds with not enough adult supervision, especially if the nuns were at prayers. There was about one nun to twenty children.

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16. [redacted] SR 64 who worked [redacted] punched me in the face once but she hurt her hand doing this so she never hit me again [redacted] SR 6 who was in charge of the [redacted] group also slapped me and threatened me.
17. I had [redacted] called [redacted] SND 466 I only saw him about two or three times when I was in Termonbacca. I would never have told him about any of the abuse which took place in Termonbacca because I did not have a good relationship with him and I don't think he would have believed me. My mother used to tell him untrue stories that I was mentally unstable. [redacted]
[redacted]
He seemed to believe her and I felt that he had nothing but contempt for me. By the time I was [redacted] years old I believed anyone could do anything to me.
18. There was also [redacted] in Termonbacca called [redacted] SND 332 He [redacted]
[redacted] He had an office in Termonbacca which everyone would have passed on their way in and out of Termonbacca. He operated an open door policy and any complaint could have been taken to him. However I do not think that the boys would have been told that they could go to him with a complaint. Termonbacca operated on a culture of fear and secrecy and I don't know if the boys would have been brave enough to go to him if they had a complaint. I understand that [redacted] SND 332 became aware that a boy had been hit with the flex of a kettle by a nun [redacted]
[redacted] There was no complaints procedure. Whilst in Termonbacca I was never made aware of any complaints procedure.
19. I got [redacted]
[redacted] which I thought was miraculous. [redacted] which [redacted] SR 1 was not very happy about [redacted] wanted me to go back to [redacted] but I did not want to [redacted] I was consequently moved [redacted] SR 6 group, the [redacted] I believe this was a punishment as the [redacted] group were less well-behaved.

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20. [REDACTED] I was placed in foster care for about [REDACTED] with a family in [REDACTED]. They asked me to leave so I stayed between [REDACTED] and my [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I then became a lodger in a house on [REDACTED], Derry which belonged to a lady called [REDACTED] SND 253. I was completing [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] SND 253 [REDACTED] returned from [REDACTED] she needed my room so by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I was homeless. I had nowhere to go so I ended up staying in the [REDACTED] hostel which was for alcoholics for a few nights. It was arranged by social services. I was then placed in Fort James children's home.

Fort James Children's Home, Londonderry [REDACTED]

21. I stayed at Fort James from [REDACTED]. I lived in an [REDACTED].
22. I remember one Sunday morning [REDACTED] SND 449 a lay staff member, came in to [REDACTED] room to wake him up. I did not share a room with [REDACTED] but he had a spare bed in his room and I fell asleep there one Saturday night after watching television [REDACTED] SND 449 came in and told [REDACTED] to get up for church. She told me I did not have to go anywhere because I was just a [REDACTED] anyway. I told her she had no right to talk to me like that because she was married to an 'orange b*****d [REDACTED] man'.
23. On the following Wednesday [REDACTED] SND 448 [REDACTED] SND 449 [REDACTED] knocked on my door and told me we needed to go outside to talk. As I went to go outside he punched me in the back of the head. I turned round and he punched me in the face. I went to hit him back. He then motioned to [REDACTED] who were in a parked car to come over. [REDACTED] got out and ran towards me and the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then started to kick and punch me. There was another member of staff called [REDACTED] SND 450 whose husband had arrived to pick her up from work. He saw what was happening, got out of his car and came over to stop the beating. [REDACTED] then left. I was left with minor injuries consisting of cuts

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and bruises. I was unable to report this matter [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

24. When I was in Fort James there was a child called [REDACTED] who I took to the park along with two other boys called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] handed me 20p and I assumed that he had been given money by his father whom he had seen that day. It turned out that [REDACTED] had taken a bag of coins out of a visitor's car. I was accused of stealing the money. I was taken to the RUC station by [REDACTED] a part-time RUC officer and [REDACTED]. I was questioned and threatened with being sent to St Patrick's Training School. I found out years later from **SND 466** **SND 466** daily contact reports that he had made an application to the court for a Training and Detention Order but the Judge had denied it.

25. I remained in Fort James beyond my [REDACTED] birthday because I had nowhere to be discharged to. The Housing Executive eventually offered me accommodation in [REDACTED]. I was never shown inside this property before I was told that I was going to live there. I was told by neighbours after I had moved in that eight or nine people had seen the property before me and refused to live there. It had been previously occupied by an alcoholic who had vomited and defecated everywhere and had died in the property. **SND 132** and I spent about two months cleaning the place before it was habitable. When I collected the keys I went back to Fort James to collect my belongings. A member of staff called [REDACTED] told me through the locked office window that they had received a message from **SND 466**, [REDACTED] that as I had accommodation to go to I had been discharged from Fort James with immediate effect. I found all my personal belongings in two bin liners outside the front door as if they were rubbish. I was not even afforded the dignity of packing my own belongings. I received no help, support or guidance after I left Fort James and no preparation for life after care.

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Life After Care

26. I had no contact from social services after I left care until 2003 when **SND 468** **SND 468** contacted me after I requested my care files.

27. I moved to **[REDACTED]** in **[REDACTED]**. I trained as **[REDACTED]**. I am currently an advanced **[REDACTED]**. I used to work as a **[REDACTED]** in the **[REDACTED]**. I found it to be a refuge where I did not have to think about myself or my past. **[REDACTED]**
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The intensity of this environment distracted me from my own life.

28. In **[REDACTED]**, on one of the occasions that I was home from **[REDACTED]** to visit my **[REDACTED]** I met **DL 48** on the street in Derry. I first met **DL 48** when we were both in Termonbacca. He told me he had been to the media, he had been to the RUC who were not interested and he had been to social services who were not any help about the abuse he had suffered when he was in De La Salle Boys Home, Rubane House, Kircubbin. He wanted help for male survivors of institutional sexual abuse who he believed were ignored and left to cope with the aftermath of the abuse which had destroyed their childhoods and robbed them of normal lives as adults. He asked me to meet him the following day at 1pm to discuss this. I did not meet him the next day as I felt that I was not ready to deal with everything yet. **[REDACTED]** of that year my Aunt telephoned me to tell me that **DL 48** **[REDACTED]**. After that I vowed to myself to help any of the ex-residents if they ever approached me. **DL 48** **[REDACTED]** died because he was faced with indifference and obstruction by the church, social services and the police. The organisations that were supposed to protect vulnerable children.

29. I have been attending counselling for the past **[REDACTED]** years as a result of my childhood experiences however compared to some of the other ex-residents I feel that I have been lucky and I have had a life. I have got an education, a partner and good friends. It is as important to me that the experiences of those other less fortunate ex-residents are recounted because some of them have been destroyed by their experiences. Over the years **HIA 92** and **HIA 86** **[REDACTED]**

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HIA 22 SND 132 HIA 69 and [REDACTED] have told me of the sexual abuse they suffered as young children whilst in care.

30. I made a statement to the police at [REDACTED] in respect of [REDACTED] SND 76 in 2004. He was never prosecuted.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signature [REDACTED] HIA 60
Dated 10/01/2014

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CASE REPORT

SND 250

Name

Case Category

Address

Date

Case Details - visits, Reports, etc.

SND 250

came to the Health Centre this morning in a very aggressive mood. She called me various abusive names and accused me of breaking confidentiality by discussing [REDACTED] with the N.I.H.E. I calmly explained as I had done before, that the Housing Executive and Ken Austin had approached ME about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They were already in possession of this information NOT given by me and had simply asked me to approach her solicitors. Naturally I had approached **SND 250** explained the proposal of the N.I.H.E. and had asked her permission to write to her solicitors. This was on [REDACTED]. She was very abusive, denied that I had discussed this issue with her and said that she was going to report me. **SND 250** was quite hysterical and told me never to go near her home again. I said that if she didn't wish me to visit then I would not but I was available at the Health Centre if she ever needed my advice or help.

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[REDACTED] of High Street Social Services telephoned. **SND 250** had seen him and told him that she was going to beat me up with a broom handle. He had been quite firm with her and told her that she was behaving unreasonably. She had been quite abusive towards him as well but he has come to expect this sort of outburst from **SND 250**. I explained that I would no longer be visiting **SND 250** but that I was available for any help or advice I could give.

SND 465

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HIA 60 saw **HIA 60** to **HIA 60** to this afternoon. This appointment had been made months previously by his mother. On discussion with **HIA 60** I was told that there was nothing pathologically wrong with **HIA 60** and in the Doctor's view his only problem was his negative relationship with his mother due to her **HIA 60** to her son. **HIA 60** agreed with the decision to place **HIA 60** in Termonbacca and thought only good could come out of it. **SND 465**

See Educational Psychologist's assessment. **SND 465**

I collected **HIA 60** and brought him to Termonbacca where he was introduced to **SND 332** and **SR 1** who will be **HIA 60** as shown to his room and seemed quite pleased with his new location. We had a long discussion on possibilities for the future. **HIA 60** was very adamant that he would never return to live with his mother again. "My mother's mad! I don't want to end up like her. She drives me mad". He could not foresee a situation when he would return to his mother and was quite contented to stay in Termonbacca and have the opportunity **SND 465**

I called with **SND 250** who said she was "delighted to be rid of **HIA 60**". On the surface she showed little or no interest in him and displayed a totally cynical attitude to his future development, etc. She asked me could I not get a place in the Army for him and get him out of her way. I doubt if these were **SND 250** true feelings towards her son but further discussion seemed pointless at this stage. **SND 465**

I visited **HIA 60** at Termonbacca. He has been **HIA 60** and is very pleased with his surroundings and new friends. The Staff are contented with **HIA 60** performance and behaviour and seems to be quite fond of him. **SND 465**

During a discussion **HIA 60** again made it quite clear that he doesn't want any contact from his mother. He has phoned his Granny a couple of times during the week. **SND 465**

Visited **HIA 60** and had a lengthy chat with him. We spoke about his father whom **HIA 60** last saw when he was **HIA 60** years old. For a while he wrote to his father but he claimed that his mother stopped that correspondence years ago. He has written to his father a couple of days ago and eagerly awaits his reply. **HIA 60** showed quite mature attitudes and was very articulate throughout this chat. He holds no bitterness towards his father and blames his mother entirely **HIA 60** I feel that at this late stage he is holding out hope that he will develop a meaningful relationship with his father. **SND 465**

STATEMENT OF: HIA 60

found out after a couple of days and took ^{SND 135} and myself out of the home, I was [redacted] years old and ^{SND 135} was [redacted] old. We then returned to live with my [redacted] in Londonderry in what I would now describe as a run down squalor. I was then educated locally, at [redacted] Primary School, [redacted] Primary School and then [redacted] School. I left at [redacted] yrs and went to [redacted] However, when I was [redacted] I was a typical teenager, my mother still suffering from [redacted] could not cope with me and I went back into Termonbacca children's home, voluntarily, as I saw it as a way to get away from my mother. When I went into Termonbacca children's home on this occasion it was run by two Nuns, Sister ^{SR 1} and Sister ^{SR 58} There were two groups within the home, [redacted] Sister ^{SR 1} was in charge of [redacted] and Sister ^{SR 58} was in charge of [redacted] I was in Sister ^{SR 1} in the [redacted] group, there were I think four bedrooms in our group comprising of HIA 69 ^{SND 134} and HIA 92 in the room, [redacted] ^{SND 136} ^{SND 136} and ^{SND 35} in another room. ^{SND 133} and ^{SND 137} in another room. ^{SND 138} and HIA 40 and ^{SND 132} in another room. In the girls room there was ^{SND 139} ^{SND 140} and ^{SND 141} ^{SND 142} her sister and ^{SND 143} in another room. The staff for [redacted] group were ^{SND 144} ^{SND 39} ^{SND 145} and ^{SND 146} Sister ^{SR 58} was in charge of the [redacted] group. The group comprised of ^{SND 147} ^{SND 148} and ^{SND 149} ^{SND 149} his cousin ^{SND 150} ^{SND 169} ^{SND 151} HIA 126 and HIA 113 HIA 113 and a younger sister with a surname [redacted] and ^{SND 33} As I have stated I was [redacted] with HIA 69 with ^{SND 134} and HIA 92 until I was about [redacted] because I was at [redacted]

[redacted] The children at the home were of varying ages from about 4 years to myself [redacted]

[redacted] As I now look back to that time at Termonbacca, physical and sexual abuse was rife. I now recall incidents which I realise were sexual abuse, but at that time I believed it to be the norm. The very first night back at the home, I recall being in the kitchen

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stated he regularly went back there. He described his visits as initially every other day, dropping to once a week. His purpose was to visit and help out the nuns. He stated he would have helped out with a "number of things" including accountancy/book-keeping, and helping to "look after" the group. He explained that one Nun would look after 15 – 20 child residents between the ages of 7 to 16 years, of both male and female sexes. He stated he "helped out" by "supervising" some of the children, washing cars, doing the stores, general housekeeping and other administrative tasks. When asked to clarify "supervision" he stated that he assisted with the supervision, there was always another staff member there, he was just there to help out, and it was not his specific responsibility to look after people. He stated it was an informal arrangement. He clarified "supervision" as "being there" to help the staff by virtue of the fact that he was an adult. He described how each group of children would often have slept in the same dormitories, ate their meals and watched television on a communal basis. He "helped out" with the group that Sister **SR 2** was in charge of, but was unsure if it was the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He remained vague about his role, repeating that it was not a formal arrangement and that he was simply "there" as an adult. When asked if he ever disciplined the children, he stated he would have sometimes tried to "break" children up if they were fighting by using his powers of persuasion. He was asked if he ever had occasion to physically admonish children under his supervision. He avoided directly answering these questions, and spoke in very general terms in the third person. He stated that the occasions when physical intervention was necessary were very rare and claimed not to recall any specific incidents where he had to physically intervene with the children. He admitted to knowing **HIA 60** and believed he had come to the home [REDACTED] He described **HIA 60** as a "hard person to get on with", as being argumentative with the other children in the home. He stated there were numerous disputes between **HIA 60** and the Nuns and other children in the home. He stated it had appeared to him that **HIA 60** had a lot of "baggage" and that he wasn't "gelling" well with the other people. He further stated that there had been occasions when there were verbal disputes between him and **HIA 60**. He claimed he had very little contact with **HIA 60** apart from the fact that **HIA 60** was part of the group and sometimes had "ructions" or disputes with other members of the group. He claimed not to recall any of the specific incidents concerning his interaction with **HIA 60**. He admitted

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that HIA 60 would have been in the particular group of children that he assisted in looking after. He was asked further questions to clarify the extent of his interaction with HIA 60. Again he avoided directly answering these questions and described in general terms, in the third person, that any contact with HIA 60 was usually a negative one due to the fact that he was always getting into disputes with other people. He vaguely described occasions where he would separate HIA 60 from other children, HIA 60 would then "turn" on him and a verbal disagreement would ensue. He repeated his opinion that HIA 60 had been a "hard" person to get on with, that he was difficult person.

He stated, when helping out, he would have worked in various different parts of the home, such as the stores. He was asked if he would have frequented any of the communal recreation rooms. He described a large room comprising of a dining area and a sitting area, a snooker room and a large football pitch outside.

He was asked about HIA 60 physical stature in comparison to himself at the time he visited the home. He stated that he believed HIA 60 would have been the same height as him. He alleged HIA 60 was quite strong.

Mr SND 76 was asked if there were any occasions where HIA 60 had been physically aggressive towards him. Again he claimed not to recall specific incidents when "it got physical". When asked if he was ever on his own with HIA 60 he claimed it was very unlikely due to the large numbers in the group. He summarised his life at the home as a very happy time. He claimed that quite a few older ex-Termonbacca boys came to visit the home on different occasions and named some of them as SND 14 and SND 65

HIA 22 and HIA 191. He again emphasised that his helping out with the group was informal and unstructured. He stated he would have visited on evenings during the week when he was working, and at weekends. When he visited at weekends he would have received payment of food and lodging for the chores he would carry out. He denied staying at the home on an overnight basis as an adult.

Interview suspended for short break and to change tapes.

Interview recommenced at 1640 hours.

Mr SND 76 again confirmed he was present voluntarily for interview. He was reminded of his PACE rights and of the fact that he was under caution. Article 3 caution again read to

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STATEMENT OF: **HIA 60**

SND 23 must have been bullying or abusing **SND 132** when he was alone, that's why he wanted me there. On another occasion it was one evening time and the Nuns were not there. I was in the TV room with others I cannot recall exactly who but I was watching TV. One of the former boys **SND 76** walked into the room and just stood there looking at me. I had on some new clothing given to me by sister **SR 1** which **SND 76** obviously saw. He said to me, "Sisters pet" and words like that, I recall it was a lambs wool blue crew neck jumper and I had never had anything that nice. **SND 76** was picking on me I thought because of this clothing, all the other kids then started on me calling me **[REDACTED]** I thought that's it and I walked out of the room, as I walked passed **SND 76** he followed behind me grabbed me from behind and forced me into the sewing room, he ripped the jumper off my back and began to try to rip the rest of my clothes off me, there was no one else in the sewing room just **SND 76** and me. I managed to struggle free with my clothing torn and ran off upstairs to my room and locked myself in. I thought it was just a beating because of the jumper, but the more I thought about it, why was he trying to get the rest of my clothes off me, I believe if I had not have broken free, he would have sexually assaulted me in some way. I have drawn a plan to help understand the layout of the TV room, sewing room, toilets and dining room, which I now produce as **[REDACTED]** Rumours were rife around the home of the bullying and sexual abuse and no one did anything about it, it appeared to be the norm. I eventually left at **[REDACTED]** years of age and lived with Foster Parents, **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]** at a place called **[REDACTED]** in **[REDACTED]** I lived there for about **[REDACTED]** and then left to live with my **[REDACTED]** at **[REDACTED]** I stayed with my **[REDACTED]** for about **[REDACTED]** and playing football. I then left **[REDACTED]** I then stayed with numerous friends, some of whom were former Termonbacca home boys but not the ones I have named as being abusers and bullies. I stayed in the end with a family called the **[REDACTED]** at **[REDACTED]** I stayed there for about **[REDACTED]**

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS **HIA 60**

Inbox

Sent: April 30, 2002 10:27am

Please see below an e-mail which has been received by the force via Mailmaster.
 in your dept suggested I forward it to you.

Regards

----- Included Message -----

Sent: April 30, 2002 04:29am

Received: [REDACTED]
 From: [REDACTED]
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: [REDACTED]
 Received: [REDACTED]
 FAA14761 [REDACTED]; Tue, 30 Apr 2002 05:17:10
 from [REDACTED] first-class [REDACTED] (InterScan E-Mail VirusWall NT);
 Precedence: first-class
 Received: [REDACTED]
 Tue, 30 Apr [REDACTED]
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 Received: [REDACTED]
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 Message-ID: [REDACTED]

Name : HIA 60
 Email address : [REDACTED]
 Lives in West Midlands? : [REDACTED]
 If not, lives in : [REDACTED]
 Age group : [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SND 76 is
 with regard to [REDACTED] from Londonberry N. Ireland from
 this the same SND 76 from Londonberry N. Ireland from
 termonbacca children's home who bullied and harrassed me as a [REDACTED] old
 and sexually abused at least 1 other residentt of termonbacca that i know
 of? [REDACTED] SND 76 sevice
 then it is no suprise that [REDACTED] is in such disarray what do i have
 to do to expos this man?

----- End of Message -----

OUTLINE OF CASE*

The salient facts in chronological order with clarity and brevity. Do not merely repeat witness statements. Where more than one person reported summarise the case against each. Whilst the aim should be to summarise the facts on one page, a continuation page may be used if it is necessary for the inclusion of all the salient facts.)

This case concerns allegations made by [redacted] **HIA 60** of child abuse at **Termonbacca Children's Home**, Londonderry, when he was a child resident, between the approximate dates of [redacted]. In particular, this investigation focuses on allegations made by Mr **HIA 60** relating to an assault on him; believed attempted indecent assault on him; and suspected assaults on other children at the children's home between the aforementioned dates by [redacted] **SND 76** a former resident, [redacted] with [redacted]. The matter was passed to the Child Abuse and Rape Enquiry Unit on 23rd September 2003 for investigation.

Introduction

On 30th April 2002, [redacted] force received an anonymous E-mail from a person alleging that [redacted] **SND 76** had bullied and harassed him as a 15 yr old and had sexually abused at least one other child at Termonbacca Children's Home (as detailed at Part IV, page 4 and page 12 of Intel report). Upon receipt of this message an enquiry was initiated by the [redacted]. It was revealed that [redacted] **SND 76** currently attached to [redacted] had been a resident of Termonbacca Children's Home in Londonderry between [redacted].

[redacted] contacted the sender of the message, by E-mail, requesting he make contact with the Police Service of Northern Ireland, with negative results.

Further enquiries revealed the identity of the author of the original message as **HIA 60** **HIA 60** DOB [redacted] (as detailed at Part IV, page 5 and page 31 of Intel report).

[redacted] spoke to Mr **HIA 60** on 27th June 2003, and discussed the allegation with him. This meeting is detailed at Part IV, page 32 of Intel report). In summary, Mr **HIA 60** admitted he had sent the E-mail on 30th April. He presented as extremely anti-police, expressing a distrust of the [redacted] and the "RUC". He related allegations of routine bullying by senior children whilst he was a resident at Termonbacca Children's home and specifically alleged that [redacted] **SND 76** assaulted him on one occasion. He now believed [redacted] **SND 76** was trying to remove his trousers. He made a further allegation that [redacted] **SND 76** had also abused a friend of his, another former child resident of Termonbacca, whom he refused to name. **HIA 60** provided police with home and mobile telephone numbers for [redacted] **SND 76**.

Police enquiries subsequently revealed that Mr **HIA 60** had contacted [redacted] **SND 76** by mobile telephone on four occasions – 4/3/03; 7/4/03; 13/4/03 and 4/5/03 (Part IV, page 34 of intel report).

On 3rd July 2003, Mr **HIA 60** contacted [redacted] again and provided details of his friend whom he had earlier alleged had been abused by [redacted] **SND 76** – **SND 132** **SND 132** (part IV, page 35 of Intel report).

Statement of **HIA 60**

On 18th July 2003 [redacted] **HIA 60** made a statement to [redacted] outlining his childhood at the Termonbacca Children's Home, alleged bullying by other residents of the home and recounting the incident in which he alleges being assaulted by [redacted] **SND 76** (part II, pages 1 – 7 and Part IV pages 43 – 50). He stated he now recalled incidents which he realised were sexual abuse, but at the time thought they were the norm (part II, page 2, line 26). He alleged another resident, [redacted] **HIA 98** assaulted him when he was [redacted] years old, by punching him in the face (part II, page 3, lines 2 – 3). This incident cannot be pursued as it constitutes an allegation of common assault and is long statute-barred. He described a further incident where he alleges another older boy, [redacted] **SND 23** approached him in the showers and asked to see if he had an erection, later punching him (part II, page 3, lines 20 – 24). This matter cannot be pursued for the same reasons and by virtue of the fact that no indecent assault was disclosed. The allegations against [redacted] **SND 76** (part II, page 4, lines 2 – 16) concern one incident in the television room and sewing room of the children's home. It is alleged [redacted] **SND 76** verbally abused the injured party, calling him "sister's pet" in the television room in the presence of other boys, before dragging him into the nearby "sewing room" and assaulting.

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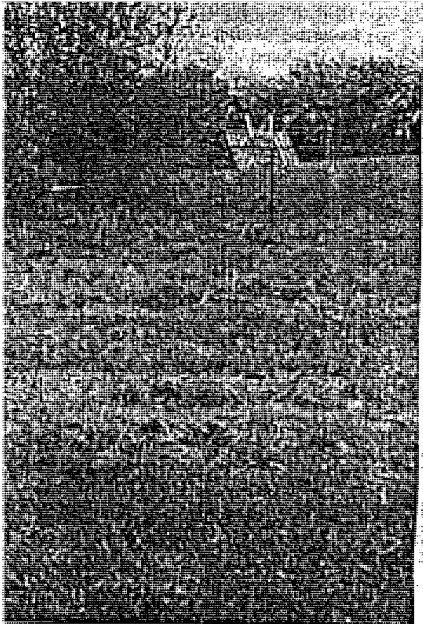
Recent 'Journal' interviews with ex-home boys from the former Termonbacca Children's Home have detailed varying experiences of Derry's "less fortunate children". This week former home boy **HIA 60** **HIA 60** recounts some of the "horrors" he and others were subjected to as a child and remembers fondly the love he was shown certain Sisters of Nazareth. Talking to **HIA 60** he recounts how, on leaving the home many of the boys got into trouble or developed addictions to alcohol or drugs.



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[Redacted]

HIA 60 STORY

Posted by *survivorsni* on [REDACTED] Comments Off

ABUSE HAS WRECKED LIVES – THE TRUTH MUST BE TOLD

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Abuse both physical and sexual was rife in Termonbacca Children's home in the [REDACTED] according to former home boy **HIA 60** who spent more than [REDACTED] as a resident at the institution and became close friends with many home boys.

Now living in [REDACTED] **HIA 60** has decided to speak out about what he calls "the conspiracy of silence shrouding years of abuse" at the Derry home and claims the police and social services failed to intervene – even after receiving complaints. He also fingers the church for failing to stop what he describes as "brutality in the home" at the hands of older home boys.

"I think honestly the nuns didn't know the half of what went on, but they should have known – they were in the business of protecting children" said **HIA 60**. According to **HIA 60** many of the already difficult lives of the Derry home boys were thrown into turmoil and despair due to abuse at Termonbacca. **HIA 60** who also spent time in Fort James's Children home, was first admitted to Termonbacca at the age of [REDACTED] but was removed soon after by [REDACTED]. He was readmitted at the age of [REDACTED] and recounts his arrival there as a "rude awakening".

"On being admitted to Termonbacca I was soon aware of the culture that ruled there" he said. According to the [REDACTED] year-old homeboy some of the older Termonbacca boys who had left the home, often returned under the auspices of supervising younger residents. He said that within 24 hours of his return to the home he was beaten up by the older boys. But it was to get worse.

"During the [REDACTED] I learned of another reason why some of these older ex – residents would return. Several of them were involved in sexually abusing the younger residents," he claimed.

"I myself was attacked twice but proved to be too much of a handful for my would-be assailants." He claimed that a lot of the sexual abuse happened in the shower rooms of the home. "Over the years I have become increasingly aware of the extent of this abuse from the accounts of other ex Termonbacca boys," he added. **HIA 60** claims to have attempted to expose some of the violence which he alleges was commonplace at Termonbacca.

"Over the intervening years a conspiracy of silence among ex-home boys and social services has existed. I have spoken to social services personnel, one of whom told me that rumours of what had happened in Termonbacca had spread like wildfire through social services." Despite this, few homeboys came forward nor did anyone within social services seem too concerned, according to **HIA 60**.

"I know of two homeboys who did come forward and made allegations of abuse unfortunately they are both dead." **HIA 60** is now speaking out for his late friends who can no longer speak for themselves.

One of his friends, [REDACTED] after speaking out about the sexual abuse he had suffered and [REDACTED] "He told me he was going to speak out about [REDACTED] But I didn't meet him to speak about it and I felt I let him down by not meeting him. Because of him I devoted much of my life to making the truth be known and made a vow to myself that I would never turn my back on another homeboy who wants to speak out.

"They have so far been ignored by the clergy and social services thereby compounding their abuse. They were young vulnerable children who needed care and protection instead they were subjected to abuse that was often worse than the reasons why they were admitted into care. Social services owed them a duty of care and were

supposedly acting in loco parentis – well they failed time after time, or perhaps they didn't care about the Termonbacca boys who were after all only boys whose own families did not even care about them anyway?"

Indeed, HIA 60 told the [REDACTED] how, at just [REDACTED] years-old with nowhere to live, he was placed in [REDACTED] a home for local alcoholics by social services. "Unfortunately for the Catholic Church and social services this is one homeboy who refuses to go away," he warned.

And the former homeboy believes the silence of the ex-residents only allowed the abuse to continue unchecked. He has appealed for those affected to stand up and be counted against the perpetrators who "wrecked so many lives."

"I challenge every one who know anything about this to do something and come forward and tell the truth.

Lessons can be learned and the suffering of the victims may be eased," he said.

HIA 60 made it very clear that he did not wish to blight the good name of the Sisters of Nazareth and admits that the love shown to him by some of the sisters was very welcome. One nun in particular shines in his memory. "I would like to state that [REDACTED] SR 1 [REDACTED] showed me only kindness, I will always be grateful to her for her care and encouragement."

However, he alleged that there were instances when certain sisters beat the children. "There is one boy who still has the scars on his back from being beaten by the flex of a kettle by one nun in particular nun," he said. He also recounted the ordeal of a [REDACTED] who was "persecuted terribly".

And he claimed that the clergy was at the root of the problem. The clergy have a lot to answer for. There were only two nuns and around 50 children – it was impossible – and they were just left to get on with it".

HIA 60 who is a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and has pledged to continue to unravel the "conspiracy of silence" which he claims is hiding the truth about abuse in Termonbacca. He hasn't returned to Derry for [REDACTED] years because it is too upsetting to see former home boys who have fallen foul of drink or drugs or hear of those who have passed on through suicide. "This is not meant to be an attack on the sisters of Nazareth however the truth now has to be told," he concluded.

[REDACTED]

HIA REF:

Witness Name: **SND 136**

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF **SND 136**

1. I, **SND 136** will say as follows –
2. This statement is provided by me voluntarily having been contacted by the police in Northern Ireland through my local police force and after a number of attempts to speak directly to the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry. I made contact with the Sisters of Nazareth and want to give information to the Inquiry based on my time in the care of the Sisters of Nazareth.

Personal Background

3. I was born in [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] I was then removed from my Mother because I was [REDACTED] and the birth [REDACTED] After sometime at the hospital I now understand that I was then transferred to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I believe, having talked with my mother, that because she would visit the home and see me, I was [REDACTED] transferred to St Joseph's Home Termonbacca, where I remained prior to its closure [REDACTED] During the process of closure I was fostered out. I think the inference was that whoever made the decisions did not want my mother having contact with me. Whether this was because I was [REDACTED] or because I was [REDACTED], or both I think will never be known.
4. I recall a number of the boys and girls that were in Termonbacca: **SND 132** The **SND 241** Family **SND 241** **SND 211** **SND 210** [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] **HIA 69** & **HIA 352** **SND 139** **SND 150** & **SND 148** [REDACTED] **SND 23**

DL 153 and [redacted] SND 137 and SND 133
 HIA 60 HIA 11 SND 24 HIA 98
 SND 76 SND 113 DL 48 SND 154
 and [redacted]

5. I recall a number of the people who worked in Termonbacca as well. I remember a Sr SR 3 [redacted] who was a carer and worked with the sisters and a [redacted] who also helped out with the children. They would have been with the younger children in the nursery area.
6. At about [redacted] years old you moved up to the older unit which was a large dormitory. I remember [redacted] SR 2 [redacted] who was with the [redacted] group and [redacted] SR 6 [redacted] who was with the [redacted] group. An older boy worked in the kitchen, HIA 144 [redacted] HIA 144 [redacted] There were a number of carers. I recall [redacted] SND 145 [redacted] (I think that was her name), [redacted] SND 194 [redacted] SND 214 [redacted] and [redacted] (I can't remember her surname. [redacted] SND 152 [redacted] and [redacted] SND 23 [redacted] were [redacted] who helped out in the grounds.
7. I would describe the atmosphere in the home as mixed. I had other friends to play with, mainly [redacted] SND 132 [redacted] (long term in the home), [redacted] SND 241 [redacted] and [redacted] SND 23 [redacted] We would play Soldiers outside and in. We had a hobby room with toys and games, such as monopoly. A football pitch to play football and handball alley. We also had two dogs called Roger & Rover, and of all things I remember a donkey for a period of time. I also think that with the changes and comings and goings of some children and Sisters, this proved to be a greater challenge to the overall atmosphere. It was a constant feeling of change which could be unsettling..
8. The food consisted of a full breakfast or cereal in the morning. I could always ask for more. Sometimes If I didn't eat all of my greens I was made to sit at the table until I had. I have never seen anyone being force fed. Sometimes we would have to wait for the food to come up from the kitchen, which it did in a heated proof container so it was always hot. We also got a cooked lunch at the school and in the evening would get another cooked meal and dessert. We also got supper at night. The Sisters would eat in a separate area and time to the main home. Sometimes they would have sandwiches or biscuits for guests and if this wasn't eaten, then we could have it for late night supper. I wouldn't say the Sisters had different food, although their plates were a little more grand.
9. I would say our clothes were more than adequate and did not vary much from those I saw at school. As I was [redacted] my clothes were not really a matter of comment from other kids. I do not think the clothes actual varied much from the other kids so I don't think marked out the Termonbacca boys from those not in the home. Our

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him. It is alleged **SND 76** ripped **HIA 60** jumper off his back and "...began to try to rip the rest of my clothes off me". Mr **HIA 60** believes that, having, some years, later, thought about the incident, that **SND 76** was attempting to sexually assault him. He states "I thought it was just a beating because of the jumper, but the more I thought about it, why was he trying to get the rest of my clothes off me, I believe if I had not have broken free, he would have sexually assaulted me in some way" (part II, page 4, lines 14 – 16). Mr **HIA 60** went on in his statement to discuss alleged conversations he had had with other former residents at the home who had disclosed being abused by other boys there. He alleged **HIA 92** **HIA 92** disclosed to him in [redacted] that he had been abused by **HIA 69** (part II, page 5, lines 15 – 20). He further alleged that **SND 132** had disclosed to him in [redacted] that he had been sexually abused by **HIA 60** (part II, page 5, lines 23 – 26), and that **DL 48** **DL 48** (now deceased) had disclosed to him in [redacted] of having been routinely "raped" in another children's home. He alleged having mental health problems as a result of his experiences in the children's home (part II, page 7, lines 19 – 22)

Further enquiries by **SND 76**

On 22nd July 2003 officers from **SND 76** located and spoke to **SND 132** about his time in Termonbacca Children's home. Mr **SND 132** alleged that the home was a violent place and he was often physically abused by other boys. He described one instance of alleged indecent assault where he believed he had been touched on the "willy". He could not recall who had touched him. No other incidences of sexual assault were disclosed. Mr **SND 132** described **HIA 60** as a [redacted] who had bullied him (**SND 132**) all his life, right up until his [redacted]. He described **HIA 60** as the "top dog" in the home who was feared by many, and had a [redacted]. **SND 132** also stated that **HIA 60** was obsessed by his past and was always trying to get him to say things about the home regarding any bad experiences whilst there. He further stated that **HIA 60** sent him newspaper cuttings regarding the home and described him as a man who "bears a grudge". No allegations of any kind were made against **SND 76** **SND 76** whom **SND 132** acknowledged knowing from the home (full details of meeting at Part IV, pages 51 – 51a, Intel report). Mr **SND 132** declined to make any statement or complaints regarding his time in the home.

HIA 60 provided a list of 23 alleged other child residents at the children's home at the same time as him (PART IV, page 42 of Intel report).

Enquiries by PSNI CARE Unit

Termonbacca Children's Home, which was run by the Roman Catholic Church, no longer exists. All records in respect of the residents at the home are now currently kept at Nazareth House, Bishop Street, Londonderry. Enquiries were made with Sister **SR 25** at Nazareth House and out of the list of [redacted] names provided by **HIA 60** [redacted] were confirmed as having been residents at the children's home between the approximate dates of [redacted]. Of those residents listed, [redacted] had last known addresses in Northern Ireland. [redacted] of these persons were eventually traced and spoken to with regard to their experiences in the children's home. **SND 133** was spoken to and confirmed he was a resident in the home from aged [redacted] years. He denied ever having been abused or of witnessing any abuse in the home. A statement was recorded from him to this effect (Part II, page 10). **SND 134** was spoken to and confirmed he was a child resident at the home. He denied any knowledge of [redacted] **SND 76** denied ever having been abused in the home or of witnessing any abuse taking place. He declined to make a statement to police. **HIA 92** was spoken to a confirmed he was a child resident at the home. He acknowledged knowing **SND 76** **SND 76** and **HIA 60**. He denied witnessing any abuse involving either or of being abused by **SND 76**. He did not discuss any abuse with anyone in the home. A statement was recorded from Mr **HIA 92** to this effect (Part II, page 11). No disclosures were made regarding any abuse by **HIA 69** **HIA 113** was spoken to and confirmed she was a child resident at the home from [redacted]. She could not recall **HIA 60** or **SND 76** and denied witnessing any abuse or anyone discussing any abuse with her whilst in the home. A statement was recorded from her to this effect (Part II, page 8). **HIA 126** was also spoken to. She also could not recall **HIA 60** or **SND 76** denied having been sexually abused in the home or of witnessing any sexual abuse in the home whilst resident there. A statement was recorded from her to this effect (Part II, page 9).

PERSON INTERVIEWED:

SND 76

Tape Number and
Tape Times:

him and explained in layman's terms, after which he indicated he understood.

Information given by Mr **SND 76** during previous interview summarised and confirmed.

He denied directing or instructing the children in the home to do chores or tasks, whilst in the role of supervising. When asked if he ever talked to the children, he stated that the children just got on with their own things, either doing homework, watching television or playing football. He was asked if he ever had to shout at anybody. He said it must have happened but could not recall specific incidents.

The allegation of **HIA 60** was put to Mr **SND 76**

Mr **SND 76** stated he did not recall this incident happening. He stated the allegation of **HIA 60** did not make sense to him. He stated he could not know whether **HIA 60** had possessed a new jumper. He stated that he would not have come in and picked on **HIA 60** it was not the sort of thing he would do. He stated he did not know of any Sister **SR 1**. He stated there was an old nun there by the name of Sister **SR 65** and another nun by the name of Sister **SR 64** but no sister **SR 1**. He claimed the allegations of **HIA 60** were illogical. He denied that he would have called him "Sister's pet". He stated categorically that the incident **HIA 60** alleged did not happen. He admitted knowledge of a sewing room close to the television room in the home and described its location. He again denied the allegation, stating it did not make sense. He denied ever attempting to sexually assault **HIA 60** in any way and went on to say that he did not attempt to sexually assault any person in Termonbacca. He denied any sexual attraction to **HIA 60**. He again described **HIA 60** as a very difficult person. He admitted to being in the sewing room on occasions when Sister **SR 2** was there. He was unsure whether it was kept open or locked. He admitted to frequenting the television room at times when children were there, that he would have watched television with them. He stated that the majority of times the children would have been in the television room on their own, due to the staff being engaged in other tasks. He was asked if he recalled being in the television room at the same time as **HIA 60**. He stated he had been in the television room hundreds of times and could not recall specific occasions he would have been there at the same time as **HIA 60**.

When asked why **HIA 60** would make this allegation against him, Mr **SND 76** stated it was difficult to get into **HIA 60** mind. He believed something had happened to **HIA 60** to



Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions

18 Lodge Road, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1NB

Telephone: Coleraine 52116 Fax: 53468

PSNI Ref: [REDACTED]

DPP Ref: 263539

Subject: INDECENT ASSAULT IN LONDONDERRY BETWEEN [REDACTED]
R -v- [REDACTED] **SND 76**

Chief Constable

DIRECTION

I direct no prosecution.

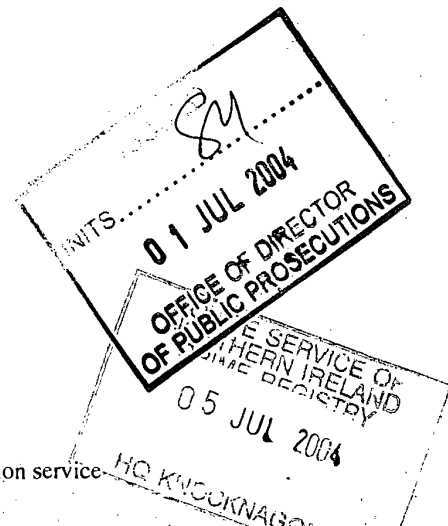
The police investigation file is returned herewith.

T. Martin

**T MARTIN - Ext 28
Northern Circuit
for Director of Public Prosecutions**

28 June 2004

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subsequent to the DPP decision not to instigate proceedings against me in relation to the allegation he made against me.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On the 17th November 2005 **HIA 60** sent a defamatory email about me to the chair of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

17th November 2005:

[REDACTED] **HIA 60** wrote:

Dear sir,

I have a question for the chairman of the [REDACTED].

Why is someone who has been accused of being a paedophile and of using violence to prove his innocence still [REDACTED]? It could appear that you condone this behaviour is this in fact the case? I refer to the [REDACTED] reported in the [REDACTED] This person **SND 76** claims not to know why [REDACTED] had a vendetta against him despite having been investigated by police [REDACTED] as a suspected paedophile. Isn't it about time that this man was removed from his position [REDACTED] and if not why not?

17th November 2005:

Email to me from [REDACTED]

SND 76

Do you know this chap before I respond?

I will reply obo [REDACTED] so please don't respond directly.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] HIA 60

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2005 11:04 PM

Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir

Who am I ? I am someone who has personal knowledge of [REDACTED] SND 76

[REDACTED] SND 76 character, I have known him since [REDACTED]

I am neither [REDACTED] merely a tax paying member of the public.

My interest is merely as someone who has experienced violence and threats at the hands of this thug who hides [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] appears to have made allegations against [REDACTED] SND 76 I am prepared to state I believe he is right.

What I would like to know from you why is this man allowed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and what are you prepared to do about it? if anything

Yours [REDACTED] HIA 60

From: [REDACTED] SND 76

Date: 11/17/05 23:20:46

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Fw: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Had a search of my computer and found the attached document that I had completed about a year ago. Basically will show some of the history between me and this guy. Will fill in the gaps when we speak.

He did do as I ordered him, when I asked him to "put up or shut up". He made a complaint against me to the PSNI (Police service of Northern Ireland). They actually came and spoke to me [REDACTED]. I was astonished when they actually told me the details of the allegation he had made against me, which was meant to involve a sexual assault, but actually contained nothing of a sexual nature.

He is about [REDACTED] and we first met in an orphanage in Derry in the [REDACTED]. I had spent all of my youth in the orphanage but he came in when he was about [REDACTED], due to family problems. It's fair to say that even then he was a hard case. As I was one of the older guys in the house I was sometimes asked to help supervise

other residents, when the nuns had to go off and pray/eat etc. He was always getting into fights with other guys, requiring me to have to intervene and separate them. He made an allegation to the police that on one of those occasions when I physically intervened and pushed him into another room that I had intended to sexually assault him. However when he was quizzed by the police he admitted that he had not been sexually assaulted but that he "believed that the intention was in my mind to do it"? I did make the PSNI aware of the recent harassment he had subjected me to, and was able to show them a number of the text messages he had sent me. I did ask them to advise him of his actions.

The police have formally notified me that the matter has been NFA' d, but why they even felt it necessary [REDACTED] to speak to me about such a non issue, defies logic.

I am not prepared to let these dam allegations fester any longer. That is why I have persuaded [REDACTED] to re-open that enquiry into [REDACTED] and that is why I will have [REDACTED] HIA 60 made subject of a formal complaint if he sends any further messages to [REDACTED] or myself. Still not sure what has motivated him to resurrect his vendetta as I have heard nothing from him for over two years.

I can imagine how this might seem to you, another (spurious) allegation of me being a pedophile. It's almost like a cancer that infects you and the more you protest your innocence the more you feel that people will start having their doubts about your honesty. For what it's worth there is no basis to any of these dam allegations and I am determined to zap them once and for all.

SND 76

2314hrs 20th November 2005:

Email from me to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I am going to directly reply to this guy who seems to have moved on from accusing me of being a pedophile to now having subjected him to threats and violence, something which he has never mentioned before to me or to the PSNI for that matter.

There must be some bad spell against me that encourages these assholes to attack my character. I have not seen this guy for many years and then he raises his ugly head a few years ago. Now he is back again. I have no idea what is motivating this guy. Can only conclude that he is twisted in some way. I have done absolutely nothing to that guy ever that justifies him coming back at me again. I will tell him very firmly to back off otherwise I instigate formal action.

I know that there will be concerns going through your mind (again) as a result of this latest bloody incident. I do despair at times. Work every hour I can, do my best to help people, then get attacked by another asshole. This guy is sick.

Hope the meeting went well. Had a very uneventful day at work.

SND 76

0205hrs 21st November 2005:

Email from me to **HIA 60**

HIA 60

I write to you in anger, in response to that nasty e-mail you recently sent to [REDACTED]. I am at a loss to understand what has motivated this latest attack on my character by yourself.

Let me get one thing straight first **HIA 60** I am not and have NEVER been a pedophile.

I first met you in the [REDACTED]s when you were transferred into Termonbacca. I do not know what the background to [REDACTED] were that resulted in you being placed in Termonbacca. For you and me Termonbacca had a different meaning. It was my home for all of my life, from the time I was [REDACTED] until I left aged [REDACTED]. You came in when you were in your [REDACTED]. Cannot remember exactly, as we are talking about nearly [REDACTED] years ago for god sake. For you it was a [REDACTED] and I don't really think you saw it as home in the sense that I did.

As I say I do not know what your background was prior to coming to Termonbacca. However I do feel that it is reasonable for me to conclude that you had a very difficult background as it was obvious to all of us at the time that you were an extremely aggressive person. It was felt by many of us, including the nuns, that this aggressiveness was a manifestation of a possible brutal childhood that you had experienced prior to being placed in Termonbacca, and that indeed this brutality may have been a motivating factor on the part of the authorities to actually place you in a children's home. I accept that is mere speculation on my part, because as I have previously stated, I did not know what your background was prior to first meeting you.

When you arrived you were regularly getting into fisticuffs with other boys and constantly challenging the authority of the nuns. On occasions, as one of the older boys, I was asked to supervise the group, when the nuns were absent, and you constantly challenged my authority when I had to intervene to prevent you fighting with other children. On some occasions this necessitated my having to physically separate you from your victims', using only reasonable force and no more.

3. You attempt to present me as some sort of ungrateful anti social thug, in direct contrast to yourself. You present yourself as some sort of trustee of Termonbacca with the qualities of a peace making saint. You would have any one who does know about Termonbacca believe that you were some sort of member of staff. You also appear to believe that having been resident in Termonbacca since you " [REDACTED] [REDACTED] justifies your actions and gives you the right to present your fiction as truth.

3. Sadly for you and your contemporaries the truth is more mundane Termonbacca was a children's home and there were no extra rights for having been there the longest. The sisters of Nazareth provided a home for children who through no fault of their own could not be with their families. Also for your information I first was admitted to Termonbacca aged [REDACTED]. As your memory seems to be failing you let me remind you of the last time we did meet. It was in [REDACTED] at the ordination of [REDACTED] **SND 65** [REDACTED]. Then you wrote your address in my address book: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We then spoke in [REDACTED] when I rang you following that we then had a conversation when you rang my home address.

4. Furthermore I reserve the right to comment on my experience of Termonbacca and the ex residents of Termonbacca, They had no right to be there and perpetrate their abusive activities, that includes you. I do not ever remember witnessing you repaying the nuns for their kindness to you, I only remember you and your contemporaries intimidating the younger, weaker or more vulnerable residents. Apart from prowling around Termonbacca I have no memory of you attempting to be friendly or to interact in a positive way with the other children who were there legitimately unlike you and your ilk.

5. The fact is you had left Termonbacca and had no right to be there, had no authority other than the fact you could physically intimidate younger smaller children. Another fact is that despite this and presenting yourself "*as a bit of a pacifist*" you now admit to having physically assaulted me at least once. You now seem to have a recollection of having also assaulted me in the sewing room of **SR 1** **SR 1** group which you have previously denied.

6. You refer to the incident when you dragged me violently into the sewing room beside [REDACTED] dining room/TV room. You are correct it was not a bedroom however I fail to see the point that you attempt to make here. If it had been a resident's bedroom then I would be doubly concerned as you absolutely had no right to be there. Are you saying that you did go into young people's bedrooms? Sexual abuse and physical violence happens anywhere and is not just confined to bedrooms.

7. You claim that I must have developed some sort of ESP to be able to tell why you attacked me the truth is actually much more simple. I was beaten and assaulted on numerous occasions by various former Termonbacca residents. However these

assaults involved nothing more than violence the nature of your attack on me was very different. No one else ripped tore off my new lamb's wool jumper and shirt that **SR 1** had just bought for me.

8. The other reason why this incident has always stuck in my mind is because I can remember your foul breath and saliva at this point you then attempted to rip off my jeans but you were unable to overpower me. I got away to my room and locked my bedroom door until **SR 1** returned to the group after her evening prayers.

9. It was quite obvious what your motivation was, nothing other than your own sexual gratification. My life and the lives of countless other Termonbacca children that were difficult enough already were only made worse by your presence and several other ex residents of Termonbacca.

10. I could never understand why you would attack me like this I particularly remember the brutality of your attack. I was used to violence before I re entered Termonbacca and this was an advantage as I was more than capable of resisting you.

11. You state that if all of the children who had been in Termonbacca were approached you would be confident they would make no such accusation against you. Unfortunately I have to beg to differ and this is why. The following incident I describe helped me to understand just why you attacked me and your presence in Termonbacca.

12. In **SR 1** I saw you **SR 1**. At this point I rang another former Termonbacca boy and told him **SR 1** I told him I would ring him back afterwards. When I rang him back he said without any prompt from me and I quote

13. **SR 1**

14. I'm sure that you will remember who he was unless there was more than one **SR 1** I have spoken to two other ex Termonbacca boys who again without any prompt from me mentioned your name along with several others who they said were involved in sexual abuse.

15. I want to ask you whatever made you think that I would forget or forgive anything you did to me or to any other child who was supposed to have been protected in Termonbacca? When I spoke to you **SR 1** years ago you denied ever having touched me. Funnily now it seems that you remember and admit to having had to 'physically separate you from your victims, using only reasonable force and no more'. I can assure you of this had you admitted this **SR 1** years ago we would not be having this communication now. Instead then you were deliberately rude, insulting, arrogant and dismissive.

I am very disappointed that yet again you have decided to continue to slander my reputation [REDACTED]. A few years ago you made a spurious, I repeat a spurious allegation about me to the Police Service of Northern Ireland. (PSNI) an allegation which consisted of ONE incident which on the face of it could amount to a physical assault, when you were aged [REDACTED] I believe. There was no mention in your statement to the police of any attempt as you claim to "rip your jeans off". There was only reference to your jumper being slightly ripped. The police were satisfied with my explanation that I had to separate you from a fight involving you and another one of the boys, something which you regularly involved yourself in. You talk about the "brutality of the attack" which actually consisted of a slight rip to your jumper and this was done when I was acting in a supervisory capacity on behalf of the nuns.

Let me remind you that your spurious statement to the police made reference to only one incident involving you. I repeat just that **one** incident. Your statement had claimed that you believed that I had intended to sexually assault you albeit that you admit that no such attack ever occurred. The so called intention to sexually assault you was simply a corruption of your mind.

Your statement to the police made no reference to any other person who resided in Termonbacca. Your statement was made after [REDACTED] when you allegedly had this phone call with the other un-named person who allegedly has claimed that I had sexually assaulted him when he was aged [REDACTED]. If this conversation had taken place why did you not reveal this to the police? **HIA 60** that is a dam and unforgivable lie. On this occasion you have simply gone too far.

HIA 60 I am outraged that you make these further completely untrue allegation and even more enraged that you take it upon yourself to circulate your nasty attachment [REDACTED]. What has motivated you to make this further response? I wrote to last November and I made it quite clear that I was not prepared to put up with your sick attacks on my reputation. I repeat, if I was this nasty aggressive person that you are now claiming that I am then why did you make no reference to this when you first contacted the PSNI a few years ago?

I am convinced now that you are simply mentally unstable **HIA 60**. I am sorry if that is harsh but I simply am at a loss to understand why you made that spurious allegation against me to the police a few years ago about an incident that occurred about [REDACTED] years ago. Then when that was thoroughly investigated you then pop up last November sending another nasty and defamatory e-mail to my colleague [REDACTED]. I gave you a lengthy response to that message and warned you that if you continued with your unwarranted attacks on my character then I would both make a formal complaint of harassment and also take action for defamation of character against you. I WILL now be taking the action as threatened.

HIA 60 I really do not know what is going on inside your sick mind. I accept that something must have happened to you when you were younger, that has resulted in you having this warped recollection about some of the people you knew in your childhood. I am simply not prepared to allow you to continue to slander my reputation. If you wanted to resolve the so called issues why have you again taken it

I will be making a formal complaint of harassment to [REDACTED] Police and I will be speaking to [REDACTED] with a view to get legal advice on the possibility of suing this nasty little man for defamation.

SND 76

On the 3rd June 2006 I contacted my [REDACTED] Police and made a formal complaint of Harassment against [REDACTED] **HIA 60** The investigation was allocated to [REDACTED].

Reply from [REDACTED] HIA 60 4th June 2006:

Let me state again for the record:

You now remember the incident when you attacked me previously you denied this, proving you are a liar.

The only reason why no sexual attack occurred when you attacked me was because I fought you off.

You never separated me or any other boys in a fight nor did you ever had any supervisory role on behalf of the nuns.

To use your own language it would be a dammed and unforgivable lie if I said that the conversation never took place when this other person said you raped him.

The fact that the PSNI decided to act upon my statement when they did is up to them, if they decided to take no further action it only means they could not prove a case against you it does not mean it did not happen. I know what happened.

You are convinced I'm mentally unstable? Somehow I don't think that you are qualified or intelligent enough to have the slightest understanding of mental ill health never mind make any diagnosis.

You would like to get on with your life than be subjected to my deranged attacks on you? Poor sensitive **SND 76** you're being over dramatic, get a sense of perspective if you ever had been subjected to a deranged attack you would not know what hit you. Again I have a little insight into experiencing deranged attacks courtesy of none other than you.

In actual fact it is you who is in need of professional help you are in total denial of your past actions in Termonbacca. You are one of several former residents I met there who were thugs and perverts. Obviously you had all been through the same abusive experiences however several of you went on to abuse others.

The biggest mistake that poor misguided **SR 2** made was letting you and your kind have any contact with the younger residents of Termonbacca. You and several others exploited this for your own sick perverted needs. No surprise to me then that such a thug and bully boy as yourself would then go on [REDACTED]

A wonderful childhood with nuns of Termonbacca

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Sir, I was disappointed to be exposed yet again to another article in your newspaper last week featuring some ex-residents of St Joseph's Home, Termonbacca - 'Abused 'homeboys' to meet Bishop'.

It vilified the good reputation of the many nuns from the Sisters of Nazareth, many no longer with us, who worked tirelessly at Termonbacca during the many years of its existence.

The main protagonist for these persistent complaints of alleged abuse is **SND 125**. I've met him a few times and really don't know him very well, but he must have left Termonbacca well over [REDACTED] years ago. I am not in a position to comment on the veracity of the claims he continually raises, but I am very concerned about the distorted impression that these allegations convey about the Sisters of Nazareth.

I myself was a resident in Termonbacca from the [REDACTED] until the [REDACTED]. It would be foolish of me to claim that, in all the years I resided at Termonbacca, none of the many hundreds of mainly boys, who also resided there, were ever subjected to any form of abuse. I can, however, say that I was not personally witness to any such acts of alleged abuse, and certainly was not made aware of any such allegations during my tenure at Termonbacca.

What I can categorically say is that my memories of my time at Termonbacca are very positive memories of being part of a very large family of people who, despite our difficult backgrounds, were fortunate to have been reared by the sisters who devoted their lives to looking after children like us and who gave us a fantastic quality of life.

I would also like to stress that although a very small number of ex-Termonbacca residents have voiced concerns about their alleged mistreatment, they are very much the vocal minority. The silent majority of ex-Termonbacca residents, I am convinced, would, if approached, have nothing but praise for the sterling efforts of the Sisters of Nazareth, who provided us with a loving home during our childhood.

I would like to put on record my personal thanks to the Sisters of Nazareth for the excellent work they had done at Termonbacca, and that the order continues to do in their many convents around the world. I would also like to thank the people of Derry who

[REDACTED]

supported the Sisters of Nazareth for many years, enabling them to provide a wonderful childhood for myself and many other ex-Termonbaca boys.

Yours,

SND 76

[REDACTED]

On the 25th May 2006 HIA 60 circulated an email that contained an attached word document, [REDACTED] which included many defamatory comments about me. In that document he stated “The other reason why this incident has always stuck in my mind is because I can remember your foul breath and saliva at this point you then attempted to rip off my jeans”. There is no mention of that description in either of his two witness statements. He also states “. I could never understand why you would attack me like this I particularly remember the brutality of your attack”. Now I know that the term ‘brutality’ can be mean different things to different people, but I am not sure that even the two contradictory descriptions of the alleged attack in the two statements would warrant the inclusion of the adjective ‘brutality’ when referring to the incident. It seems that the more HIA 60 refers to the alleged incident the more he spices up the description of an incident that in reality NEVER happened. It’s all a figment of his warped imagination.

In his email to me on the 4th June 2006 HIA 60 stated “You now remember the incident when you attacked me previously you denied this, proving you are a liar”. I should again make it quite clear that I have no recollection of the specific incident that forms the basis of his false allegation against me, where I apparently was jealous because he had been given a new jumper and had forced him into the sewing room etc.

In my email to him on the 26th May 2006 I was informing him that there had been a number of occasions when I had to physically separate him from fighting with other people. Those would have been the only occasions where I would ever have had any physical interaction with him.

Summary of Tape Recorded Interview 27th February 2004:

I think it is necessary for me to comment on the summary of my interview under caution that was conducted by PSNI officers [REDACTED]. The summary was completed by [REDACTED], one of the interviewing officers.

On page 2 of the summary when it relates to me being questioned as to whether I had occasion to physically admonish children under my supervision the officer records “He avoided directly answering these questions and spoke in very general terms..”. I most certainly did not intentionally avoid answering questions, and to intimate I had done so is wrong and extremely prejudicial towards me. I have recently listened to audio recordings of the interview and it is obvious from the officer’s line of questioning that she did not seem to appreciate that she was asking me to give specific details on matters that had occurred [REDACTED] years earlier, and I simply was not able to do that due to the massive time lapse.

On page 3 of the summary the officer records that “when he visited at weekends he would have received payment of food and lodging for the chores he would carry out”. The officer then immediately records after that comment, the following; “He denied

Two sides of Termonbacca

Published [REDACTED]

Sir, Recent contributors to the Journal have discussed their experiences in Termonbacca Children's Home, both negative and positive.

[REDACTED] and I were admitted to Termonbacca when I was aged [REDACTED] years-old. I left aged [REDACTED]. During my time there I met several nuns who showed me a level of care and kindness beyond anything I had experienced previously, especially [REDACTED] SR 1

This does not mean that I am not willing to discuss the abuse, both sexual and physical, that I experienced and witnessed there. Almost [REDACTED] years ago I was told by someone working in social services locally that the rumours of the abuse that had occurred in Termonbacca "had spread like wildfire throughout Derry Social services". Since then I have had other contact with social services in the city. However, unsurprisingly, this has never been officially followed up.

This abuse was not perpetrated by the Sisters of Nazareth but by the former residents of Termonbacca who had left and would then return under the pretext of visiting the nuns or the place that they claim to have regarded as home. I have discussed this with other former residents of Termonbacca, leading me to believe that this was planned by certain individuals who had their own ulterior motives.

Regarding [REDACTED] SND 125, who I have met on several occasions, I found him to be a man of integrity. To his detractors I say - why should he not be heard? What have you to be afraid of? This was his experience and he has every right to speak about it.

I would therefore urge any survivors of such abuse to speak to the relevant authorities or the [REDACTED] and know that you are not alone. To the authorities including the Catholic Church and social services, who were ultimately responsible for the welfare of such children, it may not be too late to do the right thing. I believe that the truth will always prevail.

Finally, in case anyone doubts this, then look at the international scandal and outrage that is now erupting on a daily basis against the Catholic Church. The evidence is now so overwhelming that it threatens the Church's very future within our communities. You must support these survivors and do not continue to perpetuate their suffering. The victims and survivors of such abuse, who were Derry's unwanted children, are now the adults of today and have the right to be heard.

Yours,

HIA 60

[REDACTED]

Homeboy defends nuns



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A former resident of St Joseph's Boys Home in Termonbacca has spoken out in defence of nuns who ran the institution during his time there.

Former 'Homeboy' [REDACTED] **SND 76** acknowledges that "many people" were victims of institutionalised physical and sexual abuse in care homes many years ago.

In a frank statement issued to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] **SND 76** who spent the [REDACTED] years of his life in the care of the Sisters of Nazareth - first in [REDACTED] and for the larger part at Termonbacca - says a "sad re-writing of history" is taking place in terms of life in the local homes.

He said he decided to air his comments after thinking "long and hard" following the recent launch of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry.

[REDACTED]

"The impression being given by some ex Termonbacca boys is that all of the children living in Termonbacca many years ago were the victims of a regime of gratuitous and excessive violence from the nuns.

"That is simply a re-writing of history. My memories of having lived in Termonbacca have always been very positive. I loved living there and was very sad when I had to leave. Like many other ex-Termonbacca boys I regularly returned to visit my 'home' and I am very grateful to the Sisters of Nazareth for the wonderful start in life they gave me and many other ex Termonbacca residents."

SND 76 said he was not either an "abuse denier or defender" but he raised questions over some of the allegations being made against the Nazareth nuns.

"I know that a number of ex-Termonbacca boys are now being coordinated into making historical allegations against the nuns. I am sure that allegations being made by some of them are genuine. In relation to the sexual abuse allegations I understand that these are being made against some of the older boys and to the best of my knowledge there is no suggestion that the nuns were actively aware of this abuse or condoned it.

"Given the ratio of boys to nuns it would have been impossible for the nuns to have effectively supervised the children to prevent such abuse," he added.

He said that in those days corporal punishment was "quite lawful" and was "a fact of life".

"Like many others I have moved on and put that to the back of my mind," he said.

[REDACTED]

shut down. I put it away and I think that is why I was so aggressive as a

14. I have heard that **HIA 69** **HIA 60**. An ex-resident, **HIA 60** **HIA 60** told me that about **HIA 69** the last I heard was that he **HIA 69**

15. There was a lot of bullying by the older lads also but that made us tough. We took our beatings. We also used to get thrown into the big dryers and these were turned on and we were spun around. The older boys would have done that to you. This was always done out of earshot and away from the sight of any staff. It was easy for this bullying by the older boys to take place without the staff noticing. There were never very many staff on duty, only two were on at any one time and there were over two dozen boys. I recall one boy called **SND 35** and we used to call him **SND 35** and he was bullied severely by the older boys.

16. After a while a lot of the bigger boys responsible for the bullying disappeared and life became more normal. There was a bigger boy called **HIA 60** (now known as **HIA 60** and **HIA 86** and I would always refer to **HIA 60** as our protector. If he found out any of the other bigger boys were messing with us or hurting us he would have sorted it out with them. He was a gentle soul.

17. Over the years my mother visited me **HIA 60**. She might have been drunk sometimes and they wouldn't allow her to see us but we would have always tried to see her. She did her best. I hold no grudge whatsoever against my parents. I do however hold a grudge against the care system because at the end of the day we should have been looked after, cared for and protected but we suffered and especially during the first **HIA 60** years in Termonbacca.

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CASE REPORT

Name **HIA 60** Case Category

Address **[REDACTED]**

Date

Case Details - Visits, Reports, Etc.

See Social Report to N.I.H.E. regarding transfer for **SND 250**

SND 250 pregnancy had been legalised and she has been allocated and accepted a three bedroomed house at **[REDACTED]**

This news has had no impact on **HIA 60** whatsoever and he has no interest in returning home even though he would have a room to himself, etc. **HIA 60** progress would appear to be smooth both at school and at Termonbacca. I see him at least once a week and have built up quite a trusting relationship. **HIA 60** father replied to his letter and he is exaltant about it.

I have seen **HIA 60** regularly over the past months and unfortunately his school attendance and progress has deteriorated. He has missed school on quite a number of occasions and when questioned about this he says that he goes for walks instead! His standard of homework has deteriorated and on occasions he hasn't submitted any. The Staff in Termonbacca and **SR 1** in particular are disappointed in **HIA 60** and feel let down by him. They have issued several ultimatums to **HIA 60** that unless his school work improves then he will have to leave. Nothing has come of this so far but obviously his future in Termonbacca is uncertain. The school staff feel it is unlikely that **HIA 60** will do well **[REDACTED]** He has the capabilities but has not done enough work.

HIA 60 behaviour when in Termonbacca remains good but the nuns will not indefinitely put up with his lack of attendance at school and is poor performance. They feel that one of the major reasons for his being in Termonbacca was **[REDACTED]** and he has not taken up the opportunity. **HIA 60** himself is non-committal about his lack of performance and doesn't expect to do well **[REDACTED]** If his place in Termonbacca is terminated then he insists that he will find accommodation for himself. He will be **[REDACTED]**

HIA 60 wrote to his father again and there has been a lapse of several months with no reply. He was extremely disappointed after his initial jubilation at hearing from his father again and the consequential expectations that were aroused. I feel that this has certainly been a contributory factor to his recent apathetic behaviour. **SND 465**

See Social Report to Discovery Holidays seeking a place for **HIA 60** or a holiday the first week in Augst. **[REDACTED]**

I have been off work **[REDACTED]** As expected **[REDACTED]** He **[REDACTED]** have refused to accept **[REDACTED]**

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CASE REPORT

Name **HIA 60** Case Category

Address **[REDACTED]**

Date

Case Details - Visits, Reports, Etc.

[REDACTED] him back and he has commenced **[REDACTED]**. He seems quite happy with this arrangement and says he is determined to do well and work hard this year. He still has no interest in returning home to live although he has visited a few times. He claims that these visits always end in arguments between himself and his mother.

Likewise **SND 250** has shown no enthusiasm for the possibility of **HIA 60** returning home and states nonchalantly, "There's a room for him here if he wants it."

SND 465

Case transferred to **SND 466**

I visited Termonbacca along with **SND 465** today and was introduced to **HIA 60**. I found him fairly reticent and withdrawn - probably normal for a first meeting. According to **SND 332** **HIA 60** progress at school has been poor, and his attendance record bad. **SND 332** feels that **HIA 60** lacks motivation and has lost interest in school, and that he is quite content to allow himself to drift aimlessly at present.

SND 466

Called with **SND 250** in her home at **[REDACTED]**. She remembered me from previous involvement, and seemed quite pleased to see me. Informed me that relationships between herself and **HIA 60** were very poor, and that things had deteriorated so badly that she could not foresee **HIA 60** returning home again. **SND 250** was very critical of **HIA 60**, accusing him of being deliberately awkward, selfish and cunning. She felt that his social and emotional development was distorted, and more than once referred to the necessity of 'taking him away for treatment'. She invited me several times during the conversation to draw comparison between herself and **HIA 60**. Otherwise **SND 250** appears to be coping well. House is unkempt but reasonably comfortable. She is at present doing **[REDACTED]** although she mentioned **[REDACTED]** as a possible career. **SND 466**

Visited **HIA 60** at Termonbacca, Communication improving, although still awkward. Discussed that we have a common interest in football, which helped immensely. Tried to persuade **HIA 60** to consider the options available to him should he have to leave the **[REDACTED]**. **HIA 60** agreed that he couldn't imagine what might happen - and also agreed that he would like to get his **[REDACTED]**. However, it is difficult to discern any real motivation behind these statements, **HIA 60** would appear at the present to be drifting along quite aimlessly, and the over-riding impression of him is of total lethargy. **SND 466**

CASE REPORT

Name **SND 250**

Case Category

Address **[REDACTED]**

DATE

CASE DETAILS - VISITS, REPORTS, ETC.

Case transferred to **SND 466** **[REDACTED]**Visited. No-one at home. **SND 466**Visited. No-one at home. **SND 466**

Visited. On this occasion a woman answered the door, but claimed that she was not **SND 250**. She said that **SND 250** lives at the other end of the block. I know for certain that **SND 250** does not live at the other end of the block. This woman would fit fairly closely the description of **SND 250** given by other Social Workers in the Department.

Visited at same address. No-one at home. Left note for identifying myself and requesting a meeting. **SND 466**
SND 250
SND 466

Visited. No-one at home. **SND 466**

Visited. No-one at home. See attached letter **[REDACTED]** to **SND 250**
SND 250

Visited. Still no response. **SND 466**
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See attached letter from D.O.H.S.S. re **SND 250**. This followed a letter (copy attached) to Lord Melchett from **SND 250** mother, **SND 254**
SND 254

SND 254 **SND 466**

Visited. No reply. **SND 466**

Visited. This time **SND 250** answered the door and acknowledged that she was, in fact, **SND 250**. When I introduced myself as a Social Worker, **SND 250** reaction was one of total boredom. We talked around in circles for about half an hour, and then **SND 250** **SND 250** explained that her electricity had been cut off because of her failure to pay for it. At present the weather was warm, and the children could eat at their grandmother's home. She did not express any interest in paying off any of her debts, and showed a total contempt for any statutory agencies. The flat is clean, if somewhat different in appearance, and there is certainly no immediate concern for the welfare of the children. I offered to call again, if required - whereupon **SND 250** observed that she would probably go back to sleep too.

See attached social report of **[REDACTED]** for summary. **SND 466**
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See attached memo of **[REDACTED]** from **SND 468** **[REDACTED]** to Area Board. **SND 466**

See attached letter of **[REDACTED]** to Supplementary Benefits Commission re possibility of special EN grant to **SND 250** **SND 466**

Visited. No-one at home. However, **SND 250** called me later on, and we had a long conversation. Communication on this occasion was much improved. She acknowledged that she was deep in debt to both the NIES and to the NIHE, and that she would eventually have to do something about it. She felt that she might be much warmer in

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	<p>prison when the weather deteriorated - alternatively she might do herself and all the other residents a service by setting a light to the [REDACTED] flats. She informed me that she might pursue [REDACTED] against her ex-husband in [REDACTED]. She had been pressed to do this before, but was unable to take lawyers seriously. However, there would be some money from the sale of a house that they used to own in [REDACTED] and this might help her ease her debts. I suggested to SND 250 that she could contact the Womans Aid Group at NUU, and that they would put her in touch with suitable lawyers. She promised to do this and contact me later.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Phone call from SND 250 asking me to arrange holidays for her two boys, SND 257 and HIA 60. Otherwise everything satisfactory.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Visited. No-one at home.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>SND 250 rang this morning to enquire about the progress of my letter to the Supplementary Benefits Commission (no result yet) and of the holiday application. She has been in touch with [REDACTED] of the Womans Aid Group in N.U.U., who has agreed to pursue her case. Otherwise she is coping adequately.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Visited. No-one at home. Holidays arranged with Holiday Projects Derry for SND 250 children.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Phone call from SND 250 again inquiring about reaction from Supplementary Benefits Commission. As I have received no reply, I asked SND 468 to contact Supp. Ben. on my behalf.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Case transferred to SND 465</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Message from SND 250 inquiring if this department could get her a gas fire or cooker as her electricity has been cut off.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Visited but no-one at home. I left a message for her to contact me.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>SND 250 telephoned. She will call to this office tomorrow morning.</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>SND 250 called to the office this morning. Her electricity was re-connected two weeks ago. She now has a 50p meter and must insert £6.00 per week. She feels she cannot afford this amount of money. I explained that we couldn't provide her with a cooker as she had an electric cooker and she would have to budget more carefully. Supplementary Benefits have paid £500 to the NIES off her arrears which leaves her with £503.80 still to pay. The NIES had adjusted the meter to recoup some of the outstanding arrears.</p>

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SND 250 asked me to clarify the position with her solicitors regarding her [REDACTED] and her husband's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SND 465

I telephoned the NIES and spoke to Mr. Wright about **SND 250** meter. He explained that £6 weekly was very low, because judging by her past consumption of electricity this amount would just pay for the electricity she was using and wouldn't in fact make any impression on her outstanding arrears. His attitude was that at least the NIES was getting some payment from **SND 250**. I also telephoned [REDACTED] re: **SND 250** proceedings, etc. He explained that she had her own solicitors acting for her in [REDACTED] and that he was only acting in an advisory capacity as a Legal Aid solicitor. However, he did communicate with her solicitors in [REDACTED] and kept **SND 250** up to date on developments.

Originally **SND 257** had a Court Order to pay maintenance of £9 per week but about six years ago this was reduced to £7 weekly. However, recently he had only been paying about £5 every couple of months but the solicitors and the Court in [REDACTED] were following up this matter. [REDACTED] told me that the [REDACTED] proceedings were well in hand and that **SND 250** should get half the value of her previous home and any other joint assets that the couple had.

SND 465

Visited today and discussed with **SND 250** the possibilities of her [REDACTED]. She should automatically get half the value of the house which apparently could be valued at about [REDACTED]. We discussed the prospect of paying off some debts when the settlement came through. The [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

SND 465

Visited today. **HIA 60** and **SND 135** were at home but **SND 250** was out visiting. The flat was very disorganised as usual. I attempted a chat with the two boys which didn't prove very successful. **HIA 60** displayed a stubborn, uncommunicative stance while **SND 135** was just shy. However, they both looked quite healthy.

SND 465

See letter from [REDACTED] N.I.H.E.

Visited today and **SND 250** was complaining about the damp in the flat. There was a black patch on the wall in the living room which looked like rising damp and a similar patch was in the bedroom. She asked me to speak to the Housing Executive about this. I said that I would but probably nothing would be done because she was an illegal occupant and had substantial rent arrears.

SND 465

[REDACTED] telephoned to ask me to set up a case conference involving myself, **SND 468**, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] N.I.H.E. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the prospects of **SND 250** divorce settlement, and the paying off of the rent arrears.

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[REDACTED]	<p><u>Cont'd.</u></p> <p>an extremely disruptive influence on other children in Fort James, and that he should be moved out as soon as possible. Discussed possibility of digs/bed and breakfast type placement, but it was asserted by TL 19 that such a placement would not meet an obligation under Section 103 (CYPA). See attached form WC/10/10, dated [REDACTED] for summary of position to date.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SND 466</p>
[REDACTED]	<p><u>A.M.</u> - Phone-call from FJ 5 asking that a meeting be convened urgently because of events over the week-end involving HIA 60</p> <p><u>P.M.</u> - Meeting at Fort James, involving myself, SND 468, FJ 5 and various members of the caring staff at Fort James. It transpired that HIA 60 had become increasingly aggressive to members of staff over the week-end, and had disrupted other children to the extent that there had been a real possibility of a violent confrontation. FJ 5 re-iterated his view that HIA 60 should be removed immediately, and observed that his general behaviour was beginning to threaten the capacity of the home to provide adequate care and protection for the other children. Members of staff recounted versions of several incidents over the week-end, of which they felt HIA 60 was the instigator. There was another discussion of alternatives, in which the agreements made at the Case Review of [REDACTED] were cited as the only possible arrangement for the present. It was agreed that HIA 60 would have to be referred to the P.S.W. for Residential and Field Work for further decisions. FJ 5 accepted this, with reluctance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SND 466</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>SND 468 informed me that, following discussions with the relevant P.S.W., it had been decided that a Training School Order would not be a viable proposition in this case (principally in view of HIA 60's age), nor were there alternative residential possibilities HH 49 had made some inquiries to Tara Lodge in Belfast, but this had come to nothing). HIA 60 could therefore remain in Fort James, with the clear stipulation that FJ 5 in the event of any further threat to either the other children or to members of staff, could use his discretion to involve the police.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SND 466</p>
[REDACTED]	<p>Saw HIA 60 at Fort James, and delivered the ultimatum that the police would be involved in the event of further serious misconduct by him. He initially reacted with considerable aggression, blaming that he had been victimised by members of staff, FJ 5 in particular. I tried to point out to him the consequences of further disruption in Fort James, indicating that he stood to lose out on (a) his educational possibilities - he has recently been attending the [REDACTED] regularly (b) his chance of getting a flat - in the event of his discharge from care on his [REDACTED] birthday he could</p>